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AGENTS,

For the Following Manufacturers,

HAVE FOR SALE,

CHAS. TENNANT & CO'S.
Soap and Washing Soda,
BUCHANAN WILSON & CO'S.
"Ardbeg" Whisky;
KAMES CO'S.
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PRICE'S
Patent Fire Proof Safes;
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Boots and Shoes;
D. & J. WOTHERSPOON'S
Dressed Furs;
HARRISON BROTHERS HOWSON'S
Cutlery and Silver Plated W ;
THOMSON'S
First Prize Exhibition Dog Carts.

Langley Street.

December 11th, 1863. de11

A. J. BRUNN,

HAS RECEIVED

SELECT CLOTHING!

—FOR—

DRESS, TRAVEL AND WORK.

Fine Black Frock Coats,	White Dress Shirts and Collars,
Fine Beaver Coats,	Hosiery and Gloves,
Fine Black Doeskin Pants	Underclothing,
ine Beaver Pants.	Alexandre's Kid Gloves, (white and colored),
Fine Fancy Cassimere pants.	Silk Scarfs and fancy Neckties, every variety
Fine Black and Fancy Silk Velvet Vests,	Hats and Caps,
	Royal Naval Badges and Uniform Gold Lace,
Fine Black and Fancy Silk Vests,	Waterproof Clothing and Caps, Silver's make, (London
Fine White Ball Vests,	
Fine Men's and Boys' Cloaks, all fashionably made,	Traveling Valises, and
Fine Shaker Flannel underclothing,	Ladies' Trunks.

A lot of fine cassimere and doeskin Pants, odd sizes.

A. J. BRUNN,

GOVERNMENT STREET,

de1 Next Bank of British Columbia.

ROCK BAY TANNERY

Messrs. Webster & Simonds

BEG TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBlic that they have purchased from Mr. Hartley the above establishment, which will in future be carried on in the most extensive scale.

From their intimate knowledge of the business in all its branches the

VERY LATEST IMPROVEMENTS

Will be introduced, and

Leather of Every Description

Will be constantly kept on hand. Farmers or any parties having

HIDES

To dispose of, will always find a market at the HIGHEST PRICE FOR CASH.

ALL KINDS OF HIDES OR SKINS DRESSED In any manner desired at the shortest notice.

Tannery, Rock Bay Bridge.

de5

North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Empowered by Special Acts of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital, £2,000,000 Sterling.

Accumulated and Invested Funds, } £1,374,000 Sterling.

LONDON OFFICES:—No. 38 Threadneedle street and No 4 New Bank Buildings, Lothbury, E. C.

This Company will ever distinguish itself n its promptitude and liberality in the settlement of claims.

Insurance against Fire effected upon—Buildings and their Contents, Timber and Coal, Ships in harbor, with or without cargoes on board, Ships under repair, or in course of construction.

Agents for Fire, Vancouver's Island (Victoria)
SIFFKEN BROTHERS & CO.,
de21 Corner of Wharf and Johnson sst

NOTICE.

The Bank of British North America.

Letters of Credit

WILL IN FUTURE BE ISSUED ON Victoria Branch by the Bank's Agents:

The Provincial Bank of Ireland;
National Bank of Scotland;
Manchester and Salford Bank;
Royal Bank of Liverpool;
Birmingham Town and District Bank;
Messrs. Lloyds & Co., of Birmingham;
The Union Bank of Australia;

J. G. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Victoria, 15th Dec., 1863. de18

Stolen Boat.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Boat, reported to be stolen from the Seattle Mills, Washington Territory, is in the custody of the constable of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, and will be handed over to any one proving ownership and paying the expenses.

J. H. FRANKLYN,
Magistrate and Government Agent,
de7 tf Nanaimo District.

T. ALLSOP,

Land and Mining Agent,

Government Street, near Broughton.

LOTS FOR SALE, AND TO LEASE, In various parts of the City and Suburbs.

FARMING LANDS FOR SALE, Or to Let

MINING AND OTHER SHARES Bought and Sold.

MORTGAGES EFFECTED.

LONDON AGENTS,
Messrs. ALLSOP & CO.,
de8 1m Old Broad Street, E. C.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE,

EX RECENT ARRIVALS

BY THE UNDERSIGNED,

Brandy, Port Wine, and Campbelton Whisky, in casks;

Brandy, Port Wine, and Jno. Gillion & Co.'s Scotch Whisky, in cases, 1 doz. each;

Ginger Cordial, Jno. Gillion & Co.'s, in cases, 1 doz. each;

Malt and White Wine Vinegar, in cases, 2 doz. each;

Preserved Meats, Game, Fish, Soup, Fowl, etc., in Tins, 1 lb. each;

Jams and Jellies, in Tins, 1 lb. each;

New Malaga Raisins, in whole, half, and qr. Boxes;

Arrowroot, White Lead, Black and Green Paint;

Wrapping and Printing Paper;

English Boots and Shoes;

Indian Guns, in cases of 10 each;

Superior Merchant Navy Canvas, power loom;

Cotton Duck;

Etc..........Etc..........Etc.

J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO.,
WHARF STREET.
October 27th, 1863. no27 1m

VICTORIA LIBRARY,

Fort Street.

Subscription, $1 per month, or one bit per Volume.

New Novels and late Magazines received by every Steamer.

AN ASSORTMENT OF

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED

CLOTH GILT BOOKS,

Suitable for

Christmas Presents!

Comprising Tales of Travels, Adventure, History, Fairy Tales, &c.

Lately Received direct from England

School Books, Account Books, and General Stationery at reduced prices.

ADVERTISERS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR

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For insertion in the

VICTORIA ALMANACK

FOR 1864.

Before the 14th instant,

Guaranteed Circulation over One Thousand.

The Almanack is the best and cheapest advertising medium, as the announcements are before the public throughout the year.

J. CORIN,

de9 Fort Street.

Onions! Onions!

JUST RECEIVED,

A Cargo of Splendid Onions,

—AT THE—

Victoria Produce Market, Yates street.

For Sale Cheap, in lots to suit.

J. H. TODD & CO.
Victoria, V. I., Dec. 1st, 1863. de1 1w

LOWE BROS.

OFFER FOR SALE,

—FROM—

Sandwich Islands,

SUGAR, in kegs, various grades of No. 2;

DO. 1000 mats Brown;

SYRUP, in 8-gallon kegs; de3 1m

If You Want

TO ENJOY COMFORT WITH ECONOMY, in the shape of

GOOD MEALS and GOOD BEDS,

GO TO THE

ANGLO-AMERICAN

Temperance Hotel,

Corner of Yates and Douglas streets.

E. C. HOLDEN,

Having made considerable additions to this House, is prepared to accommodate several more Boarders at the following

REDUCED RATES:

BOARD PER WEEK.......... $5 00
BOARD and LODGING, ditto ...... $6 00 to $8 00
do do do PER DAY.......... $1 00

MINERS and others boarding here and providing their own blankets, are furnished with Cot and good Pulu Mattrasses and Pillow, in clean, comfortable rooms, free of charge.

THE READING ROOM

IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH ENGLISH, CANAdian, Californian, and the Local Papers.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN being conducted on strictly Temperance principles, its patrons can enjoy the comforts and quiet of home.

Good Accommodations for Families!

de24

A CHEERFUL FIRE.

The undersigned having on hand a large Stock of the best

NANAIMO COAL!

DOUGLAS PIT,

Suitable for Domestic and other purposes, would beg most respectfully to inform his customers and others that he now offers the same at the Lowest Market Rates.

The subscriber would also beg to call the attention of Families to the balance of an Invoice of very Superior

English Cannel Coal,

EX "DUSTY MILLER,"

Admirably adapted for Parlor use, which he will dispose of at greatly reduced rates, delivered at any part of the city on the shortest notice, free of all charges for Drayage, Porterage, &c.

Orders left at the office, Union Wharf, will receive prompt attention and dispatch.

R. Brodrick,

Union Wharf, 7th December, 1863. de8 1m

Real Estate Agent.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS OPENED an Office on Courtney street, near Government where he intends carrying on business as Real Estate Agent

de4 1m W. J. McDONALD.

Queen Insurance Company,

Capital, £1,000,000, Sterling.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN appointed Agents for the above Company, and are now prepared to issue Policies.

de20 1m DICKSON, CAMPBELL & Co.

SHIPPING.

Schooner for Sale

BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT the Schooner SHARK will be sold by Public Auction, at Nanaimo, on JANUARY 1st, 1864, at 11 a. m., on account of whom it may concern.

By order,
EDWIN GOUGH,
Acting Superintendent of Police,
de16 Nanaimo District.

ROYAL MAIL

Steam Packet

Company's Agency,

For British Columbia & Vancouver Island.

OFFICE, MACDONALD & CO., BANKERS,

Yates Street.

THE ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS and passengers is particularly directed to the superior facilities the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Line affords for the speedy conveyance of Treasure, Goods and Passengers to and from England to British Columbia and Vancouver Island, in connection with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Vessels and the Panama Railroad.

The superiority of the accommodation and entertainment on board the Royal Mail Steamers, together with the time occupied on the passage between England and Aspinwall direct being so much shorter than by any other route, and the moderate rate of passage money, render this Company's steamers the CHEAPEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS OF TRANSIT, for passengers or for the forwarding of Goods and Treasure from Aspinwall to Europe.

Under an arrangement with the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co., Specie and Bullion can be conveyed to London and Havre in France

Further information on the subject of Freight and Passage Money will be furnished by the undersigned.

ALEX. D. MACDONALD,
Agent.

MACDONALD & CO.,

Yates street, Victoria, V. I.

SELL EXCHANGE drawn at sight or on time, on
Coutts & Co., London.
Bank of State of New York, New York.

DRAFTS on
San Francisco, California.
Portland, Oregon.

GOLD DUST and Bullion purchased at the highest rates.

ADVANCES MADE on gold dust left for assay at Government Assay Office, New Westminster; or if sent for assay or coinage to United States Mint, San Francisco.

Collections made on reasonable terms, and a General Banking Business Transacted

Victoria, V. I., Jan 17, 1862 de20-1m

California and Oregon

STEAMSHIP LINE,

Carrying H. M. Mails.

THE FOLLOWING STEAMERS WILL leave San Francisco during November and December:

SIERRA NEVADA.....via Portland..November 7
BRO. JONATHAN.....Direct.......... " 17
SIERRA NEVADA.....via Portland.... " 27
BRO JONATHAN..... do ....December, 7
SIERRA NEVADA.....Direct.......... " 17
BRO. JONATHAN.....via Portland.... " 27

For Freight or Passage apply to

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,
de14 tf Agents.

THE

Bank of British Columbia

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

Capital, ... $1,250,000.

IN 12,500 SHARES, OF $100 EACH,

WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

AGENTS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA,

NEW WESTMINSTER—Bank of British Columbia.

IN ENGLAND.

National Provincial Bank of England.
North and South Wales Bank, Liverpool.

IN SCOTLAND.

British Linen Company Bank.

IN IRELAND.

Union Bank of Ireland.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK—Messrs. Maitland, Phelps & Co.
SAN FRANCISCO—Messrs. Falkner, Bell & Co.
PORTLAND, OREGON—Messrs. Ladd & Tilton.

IN CANADA.

MONTREAL—Messrs. Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are opened for any amount not less than One Hundred Dollars, and every facility granted to traders and others for the transaction of business.

DEPOSIT RECEIPTS issued for money lodged for fixed periods, bearing the following rates of Interest:
On money lodged for 1 month certain, at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum.
On money lodged for 3 months certain, at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.
On money lodged for 6 months certain, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.
On money lodged for 12 months certain, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

No partial payment made on these receipts. Interest payable half yearly, and the principal not due until the expiry of the period for which the money s lodged.

DISCOUNTS AND ADVANCES.—Approved Bills discounted, and advances made upon Bills of Lading, (accompanied by Policies of Insurance,) for goods shipped to or from the Colonies.

DRAFTS AND LETTERS OF CREDIT issued on Great Britain and the Colonies, also on New York and San Francisco, and bills on these places purchased or sent for collection.

CREDITS issued on Great Britai San Francisco and New York, authorizing payment for Goods shipped from those ports to the Colonies; all such shipments to be Insured and Hypothecated to he Bank.

GOVERNMENT and other SECURITIES received for safe custody, and 1 per cent. Commission charged on withdrawing the same. Interest and Dividends collected on account of constituents at the rate of one half per cent on the amount collected, if payable in Victoria.

GOLD DUST AND BARS purchased, or advances made upon the same.

Office hours, 10 to 3. Saturday's, 10 to 1.

JAMES D. WALKER, Manager.
Victoria, September 12, 1862. de13

WINES, WINES

WINES!

CHOICE BRANDS

CHAMPAGNE WINES.

Choice Old Brandies, in case and csk;
" Old Port Wines, in case & csk;
" Old Sherry Wines, in case & cask;
" Old Burgundy Wines, in case;
" Old Clarets, in case and cask;
" Old Hock, in case, very superior;
" Old Sauterne, in case, very superior;
Bancroft's Celebrated Cider, in case;

FOR SALE BY
W. H. OLIVER,

Johnson street, opposite Wharf st.

de18 1m 2p

REMOVAL.

J B Timmerman

Real Estate Agent, has Removed to

Fort Street, above Douglas Sreet.

AGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE, Sale and Leasing of Land and Houses, Loans effected on Real Estate and other securities, Bills Discounted, Rents and Interest Collected; Deeds, Leases, Agreements, Mortgages, &c., drawn at reasonable rates. de19 1m

J. C. BROWN,

DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL

And Notary Public.

de18-1m PORT ANGELOS, W. T.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.,

Auctioneers & Commission Merchants,

WHARF STREET

GROCERIES.

G. VIGNOLO & CO.,

No. 2 Reid's Block, Wharf Street

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

Groceries and Provisions

—ALSO—

Importers and Agents for the best brands of French Wines and Liquors, and receive direct shipments of Havana Cigars by every Steamer.

de17 tf

GOLDSTONE & BROTHER,

(LATE SPORBORG & GOLDSTONE,)

COMMISSION MERCHANT

Importer and Wholesale Dealer in

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS.

Dry Goods, Clothing,

BOOTS AND SHOES, Etc., Etc., Etc.,

de6-1m Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

Greenslade's

Livery & Sale Stables

(Formerly Coles' Stables)

BROAD STREET,

Between Yates and Johnson streets,

VICTORIA, V. I.

HORSES, BUGGIES AND Wagons kept for hire and for sale.

Horses kept by the day, week, or month, at reasonable rates, and every attention paid to their welfare by the proprietor, who will personally supervise the establishment.

ROBERT GREENSLADE,
de23 1m Proprietor.

MUSIC.

MR. ZINKE BEGS LEAVE TO ANNOUNCE to the citizens of Victoria that being now disengaged in the evenings, he is prepared to play for parties or families, and will furnish his own piano if necessary.

Residence—Yates street, opposite Bowman's Livery Stable. de23 3m*

NEW

Boot and Shoe Store,

GOVERNMENT STREET,

ADJOINING THE ISLAND HOTEL

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having just received a large and handsome assortment of

LADIES,' GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S

Boots, Shoes and Gaiters,

From the first manufacturers of America and Europe, have opened their stock at the above address.

Every description of goods in their line will be sold

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

AT LOW PRICES.

Gent's Boots made to order in the best style.

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch

SCHULTZ & TRICKEY

de2 1m 1s

London and Lancashire

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

(REGISTERED.)

Capital One Million.

Offices 73 and 74 King William st., London

AND

Water street, Liverpool.

HENDERSON & BURNABY

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies for Fire Insurance, and to settle all claims without delay at their office.

de2 Wharf street, Victoria, V. I

FURNISHED ROOMS

To Let.

Furnished Rooms!

WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD.

Apply at the Grocery Store,

COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS.

R. PARKER.

del

DIAMONDS!

Messrs. Watson & Romback

Have just received a few

FINE DIAMONDS.

PARTIES WISHING TO HAVE THE same

Set in their own Gold,

Can have it satisfactorily done IN EVERY STYLE by calling on the subscribers,

Yates street, next Bayley's Red House.

WATSON & ROMBACK.

de11 1m

New Millinery Store!

MRS. HEIN,

Having removed to her

NEW BRICK STORE.

—ON—

Government street, near Broughton,

And having just opened

A LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK OF

HATS,
BONNETS,
RIBBONS,
LACES,
CLOAKS,
FLOWERS,

And every other article to be found in a

Complete Assortment of Millinery.

Would respectfully solicit a continuance of public patronage.

HATS, BONNETS, HEAD DRESSES, &c.,

Made to order upon the shortest possible notice.

no15 1m

Royal Hospital.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE ABOVE ARE respectfully informed that their annual subscriptions are now due and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, A. F. Pemberton, Esq., or the President and Vice President.

An appeal is also made to the public for further aid towards the support of this benevolent institution.

E. CRIDGE.
de12 Secretary.

A. F MAIN,

Land Agent,

STOCK AND SHARE BROKER,

—AND—

ACCOUNTANT.

OFFICE ON GOVERNMENT STREET, Opposite Broughton street.

August 17th, 1863. de18 tf

HOTELS AND SALOONS.

ST. NICHOLAS

Billiard Saloon

GOVERNMENT STREET,

Between Yates & Johnson.

Edwd. R. Thomas,

BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF Victoria and his numerous friends that his partner, F. Quarles, has this day retired from the above business and that the same will be carried on in future by him and trusts that his friends will rally round and give him that support which it shall be his earnest endeavors to merit.

The Saloon has recently been redecorated and is one of the finest on the Pacific Coast, and contains

Five of Phelan's Best and Latest

Improved Combination Cushion Tables.

At the Bar are dispensed the best

WINES, SPIRITS, LIQUORS,

Ales and Cigars,

That can be procured in the Market.

There are also attached to the Saloon Rooms suitable for Private or Public Meetings.

EDWD. R. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

English Pool Every Evening.

de23 2dp

ALTA RESTAURANT

—AND—

LODGING HOUSE,

STORE STREET,

TWO DOORS FROM JOHNSON STREET.

BOARD AND LODGINGS:

Board, per week.......... $6 00
Meals.......... 50 cents
Lodgings.......... 50 "

N. B.—Hard Finished Rooms, Single and Double.

de17 1m MRS. ALEXANDER.

Pacific Telegraph

HOUSE,

STORE STREET,

BETWEEN FISGUARD & HERALD.

THE PROPRIETOR HAVING had years of experience in Hotel Keeping, pledges himself to keep nothing but the best that the market affords, and will endeavor to give the fullest satisfaction to guests; the Kitchen Department being under the management of the Proprietor, ANDREW ASTRICO.

BOARD AND LODGING at reasonable rates

Meals at all hours.

BEST BRANDS OF

Ales, Wines & Liquors

To be had at the Bar. de8 1m

FRY'S HOTEL

—AT—

North Saanich,

IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ACCOMmodation of the public. The Proprietor has taken great pains to make this the most Superior COUNTRY HOTEL in this colony.

Accommodation for fifty guests with private Suites of Rooms for Families or Ladies. There is first class sporting in the neighborhood. Good Stabling and Horse Feed, &c.

In connection with the above is a regular

Ferry to Cowichan,

Leaving the Hotel every Tuesday and Saturday mornings, and returning from Cowichan every Monday and Wednesday.

Bowman & Halsey's Stage runs direct to the House

Attached to the Hotel is a Farm of 400 Acres of first rate land all fenced in, affording capital pasture for a number of horses and cattle of which every care will be taken, at the usual charge of one dollar per month. Parties desirous of turning their horses out to straw yard can also be accommodated.

HENRY FRY,
Proprietor.

North Saanich, Nov. 4th, 1863. de5 1m

CARIBOO

STEAM ENGINE CO.,

(LIMITED.)

Capital, $20,000, in 200 Shares of $100 each.

Deposit, $10 per Share, payable on application.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS.

ROBERT BURNABY, Esq.,
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, Esq.,
FRANCIS K. KINGSTON, Esq
JOHN P. COUCH, Esq.
F. TARBELL, Esq.
(With power to add to their number.)

Secretary pro tem.......... A. F. MAIN.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS

THE OBJECT OF THIS COMPANY is to supply STEAM POWER to Mining Companies in Cariboo.

Companies on the meadows and other portions of Williams Creek have been prevented from sinking their shafts and working their claims through want of machinery to keep out the water, and many old Companies, owning proved and rich paying claims, have lost their shafts, and in addition to incurring heavy expenses, have been prevented from taking out gold known to exist there.

A few steam pumps would have effected the necessary drainage, and have rendered this valuable property at once available

This company has received an offer from the members of the four following companies, viz:

The Lilly of the Valley;
The Rockland;
The Mountain Rose, and
Homeward Bound.

Holding between them about 9,500 feet of ground, to assign 400 feet from each company, or 1,600 feet to all to the Cariboo Steam Engine Company, to be worked free of all assessments, provided the Company will supply an engine and pumps. The four companies agree to erect the Engine, after it is delivered on the ground, or to run it at their own expense; each of the companies paying in addition $40 per day for hauling dirt, and $40 per day for pumping, as soon as pay is struck,

The ground held by these companies is situated on the meadows adjoining Williams Creek, at right angles, a short distance below Cameron Town The claims are at the foot of the Hill, where the PRAIRIE FLOWER COMPANY have just struck a rich and defined lead of coarse gold, which, from the nature of the ground, can scarcely fail to pass through the whole of these four claims

The cost of suitable engines and pumps in Victoria will be about $4,000; weight, about 8 tons; freight to Williams Creek, about $8 000. Total cost, delivered on Creek, about $12,000.

The prospects of a large return on the original outlay are therefore very favorable, while the capital would be represented by the machinery, which might under any circumstances be turned to profitable account.

The operations of this company will, it is confidently hoped, demonstrate the great advantage of machinery as applied to mining in Cariboo, and meet with such success as to justify the Company in extending their operations with safety and advantage.

Temporary Office of the Company
MR A. F. MAIN'S
Government street,
no28 Victoria, V. I.

East India Pale Ale,

OF VERY SUPERIOR QUALITY,

Brewed by Gundry, Downe & Co.,

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed sole Agents for the above have the same constantly on hand in bulk and bottle.

de14 1m HENDERSON & BURNABY.

VINE GROWERS' COMPANY

COGNAC.

THE UNDERSIGNED ARE APPOINTed sole Agents for the sale of the above well known Brandy, and are now prepared to supply the same in case and bulk.

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,
de17 1m Wharf street

HOTELS AND SALOONS.

The Metropolitan

LODGING HOUSE,

YATES STREET.

HAS JUST BEEN NEWLY FURnished in a First-Class style, with Spring Mattrasses etc., etc.

LODGINGS PER WEEK - - From $1 to $2 & $3
do do NIGHT - - 25 to 50 cts. & $1

The Proprietor, wishing to retire, will either sell or Lease the whole Business, and offers

FOR SALE

Besides the above,

50 Bedsteads, Spring, Pulu and Straw Mattrasses, Double and Single;

Bed-sheets, Coverlets, Crockery,

And all the complete FURNITURE for Bedrooms.

Enquire of MRS. IMMEL LUSCH,
At the Metropolitan Lodging House.

de21 1m

ST. NICHOLAS

HOTEL!

GOVERNMENT ST.,

VICTORIA, V. I.

N. C. MATTHIESSEN, P. MATTHIESSEN, H. VALENTINER, } PROPRIETORS.

THIS CAPACIOUS AND ELEGANT Hotel is now open for the accommodation of the public. It is fitted up with all the conveniences of a FIRST-CLASS HOUSE, the rooms being well lighted, warmed and ventilated and tastefully furnished There is a large

Public Restaurant!

Connected with the Hotel, and a Ladies' Ordinary It also contains Private Parlors, Suites of Rooms for parties etc.

THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT

Is under the management of a first-class cook, and the Bakery is provided with one of the celebrated HAMBURG OVENS, which turns out Bread unsurpassed by any in the world Families supplied with Bread at the counter of the Restaurant. de13-1m

Victoria Restaurant,

NEXT DOOR TO VICTORIA HOTEL,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

BOARD AND LODGING per week ... $6
DO do do 7
Do do with single Rooms.. 8

Meals at all hours - 50 cents.

Lodgings, per Night - 50 "

JOHN McGOWAN,
de7 3m* Proprietor.

The Royal

INSURANCE COMPANY,

—FOR—

FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE

CAPITAL, - Ten Million Dollars

HEAD OFFICES, Liverpool and London.

Chairman—CHARLES TURNER, Esq., M. P.
Deputy Chairmen—RALPH BROCKLEBANK, Esq. and E JOHNSTON, Esq.
Manager and Actuary—PERCY M DOVE, Esq.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE APPOINTED the undersigned their agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and will now accept proposals for Insurance, both in the Fire and Life Departments. They feel confident that the known standing and character of this office, the sound principles on which it is established, and the magnitude of its resources, will obtain for it a fair share of public patronage.

JAMES DICKSON, M. D., has been appointed Medical Examiner in the Life Branch.

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Victoria, h January, 1863. de20

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WHILE RETURNING THANKS to his numerous customers for the patronage already received, begs leave to inform them and the general public that a large consignment has just come to hand of FRENCH CLOTHS, TWEEDS, and DOESKINS; WEST OF ENGLAND BROADCLOTHS and TWEEDS; also, a large assortment of Scotch Tweeds—all of the best material and most Fashionable Patterns.

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NOTICES.

Notice!

DAVID LENEVEU ESQ., HOLDS MY Power of Attorney and he will act for me during my absence from Victoria.

THOS. C. NUTTALL.

de18 1w

Notice.

WILLIAM HENRY WOODCOCK has this day executed a deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors All persons to whom the said William Woodcock is indebted are requested to send in their claims to Jules David or O Parsons, before the 5th of February next, otherwise they will be precluded from any dividend on the estate. The deed is lying for signature at the office of

MR DRAKE,
Solicitor for the Assignees.

5th December, 1863, Victoria, V. I. de7

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS ARE WARNED AGAINST purchasing a certain Share in the AURORA CLAIM, William Creek, from Jules David, as said David holds the Claim for the performance of a specific trust.

no30 WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK.

Notice of Dissolutn of Partnership.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE this day by deed under seal, dissolved the Copartnership heretofore existing between us as Merchant Traders and Saloon Keepers on Williams Creek Cariboo, B. C. From this date all debts, Notes and accounts due upon said Copartnership account are to be paid to S. A. Smith, who is to pay all debts, Notes, &c., &c, due by said Copartners upon Partnership account.

HENRY B. LAMON,
STEWART A. SMITH,

Witness,
HENRY C. COURTNEY.

Richfield, 2d November, A. D., 1863.
no26 1m*

NOTICE.

DR. CHAMPLAIN, SUPPOSED TO be in Victoria, is requested to call at the office of this paper where a letter awaits him no22

TO CAPITALISTS,

Farmers and Others.

FARM AT ELK LAKE

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TO BE DISPOSED OF BY PRIVATE contract, that beautiful and well known farm on

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The distance from town is about six miles on the Saanich Road, which runs through the property, and is in a good condition all the way. A portion of this farm has been recently surveyed by the New Water Company as being the most eligible site on which to erect their Works on the Lake.

One half of the Purchase Money may remain on Mortgage for six and twelve months.

Immediate possession given and title guaranteed.

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A. deCUGIS,

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Member of the College Imperial of Paris.

DR. A. DE CUGIS HAS THE HONOR to inform his friends and the inhabitants of Victoria that he has opened a French Apothecary Shop in Oriental Alley, where he has on hand all the necessary remedies for the cure of all Syphilitiques, Sickness of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd order.

The Doctor has practised during five years under the celebrated Professor Ricord in the Hospital Du Midi, Paris.

Rheumatism;

This cruel sickness is cured in a few days.

DYSENTERY. The most chronic is stopped in 48 hours. de19 1m

WANTS.

House Keeper Wanted

FOR A FAMILY OF THREE GROWN persons. Apply at this Office. de23 tf

Wanted to Borrow,

FOR A TERM OF ONE OR TWO years, $1000 on first class Country Property A liberal interest offered.

For further particulars, apply to

DANIEL SCOTT & CO.,
de21 tf Auctioneers

WANTED.

TO RENT, IN A BUSINESS LOCALITY, a good sized Store Apply by letter, stating owest rental, to

de19 WM QUARLES

WANTED.

A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT IN A family of two persons, three miles from town. Address S. H., COLONIST office. de16 1w

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island.

Wednesday, the 16th day of December, A. D., 1863.

WHEREAS, A PETITION FOR ADjudication of Bankruptcy, bearing date the 16th day of November, A. D., 1863, has been duly filed by JOHN THOMPSON MACQUARIE, of the City of Victoria, Miner; and he having been declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to David Cameron, Esquire, Her Majesty's Chief Justice of the Court of Bankruptcy, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January next, A. D., 1864, at 11 in the forenoon, precisely, at the Court House, Victoria, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and effects, when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts and at the first sitting to choose Assignees and commence the examination of the Bankrupt.

All persons indebted to said Bankrupt or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. William Culverwell, of Yates street, the Official Assignee, whom the Chief Justice has appointed, and give notice to Robert Bishop, Solicitor, Government street, Victoria.

de17

Exchange Reading

—AND—

NEWS ROOM.

THE Proprietor in calling the attention of the Subscribers and public of Victoria and its vicinity to the following list of Magazines which are forwarded by Express, direct from London, &c., as soon as published, hopes that his endeavors to supply these and the latest principal Newspapers of the world, will meet with their kind support.

Blackwood's Magazine,	All the Year Round;
St James' "	Chamber's Journal;
Cornhill "	The Quarterly Review;
Temple Bar;	The Edinburgh and Critical Journal;
Once a Week;	The Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine;
Saturday Review;	
Fraser's Magazine;	The Sixpenny Magazine
Macmillan's "	Spectator;
London Society;	Law Times;
Lancet;	

—ALSO—

Files of the "Daily Times," "Field," "Daily Telegraph," "Bell's Life," "Punch," "Fun," American, French, German, Australian and numerous others.

CHRISTOPHER LOAT.

de8 1m

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Next the Theatre, Government street,

Have on hand, ex "Dusty Miller" and "Excelsior,"

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And a large assortment of Carpenters' Tools and General Hardware.

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California Hams;
Duffields Cincinnati Hams;
Heywood's Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon.
Smoked and Pickled Tongues.
Pure Leaf Lard &c.
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AND

STOCK AND SHARE BROKER

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THE THREE FIRST CLASS BILliard Tables at present in use in the Lyceum Saloon, Government street are offered for sale low

Apply to
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N. B.—To prevent counterfeits all Donnolly & Co.'s Newly Improved Yeast Powders have red top labels with our name attached

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & Co.
de1 tf

P. J. LEECH,

LAND SURVEYOR,

Sea Water Bath House,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

de18 1m*

WRIGHT & SANDERS,

ARCHITECTS,

Office—CORNER YATES AND LANGLEY STS

Victoria, V. I de4

LOST.

FIRST AND SECOND OF EXCHANGE by the Bank of British North America on St. John, New Brunswick, favor of James Duncaster for One Hundred Dollars. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the office of J. G. Jackson & Co. no27

Church of Scotland.

DIVINE SERVICE IN CONNECTION with this Church is held (temporarily) in the City Council Hall, Broad street. Morning at 11 o'clock; Evening, half past six o'clock. no30

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Thursday Morning, Dec 24, 1863.

TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

JOB PRINTING.

☞ Book and Job Printing of every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

ENGLISH SUMMARY.

Although we have English letters up to dates in the second week in November, by this mail, our latest newspaper is the 2d of November, and we have little intelligence beyond that published in our last summary. We select the following scraps from the English papers on some of the leading topics of interest:

We have had both Confederate and Federal orators speaking during the week—Mr. Beresford Hope, who is English, we believe, but speaks like a Mississippian cotton planter and Colonel Lamar, of the Confederate army, on the one side—and the Rev. H. Ward Beecher on the other. On Mr. Hope's and Colonel Lamar's addresses we have commented elsewhere. The latter gentleman eulogized the admirable *results* of the slave trade in rescuing the negro from the "foulness and barbarity" of Africa, and domesticating him among the civilizing influences of the plantation overseers and their beneficent whips.

The Surrey farmers will see with delight that this slave trade, so fruitful of ultimate civilization, is still going on among the islands of the South Pacific, where Spanish pirates and slavers appear to be hard at work in attempting to introduce races, as Colonel Lamar expresses it, "without a God, without rational ideas, without even the civilization of the fig leaf," to the ennobling and civilizing influences of the overseer's lash.

Why the Americans confine their attention so exclusively to Mr. Laird's plots, and ignore, apparently, the like French conspiracies, is not easy to make out. But at Bordeaux and at Nantes there are a pair of Confederate rams building, and a private account from Bordeaux, on the authenticity of which we can rely, states that the builder gives out that he privately inquired of the French Government whether the rams would be allowed to go, and that the French Government replied in the affirmative.

Queen Victoria, to use the eloquent language of Mr. Lafayette Kettle, will probably "shake in her royal shoes, and be taken with a cold chill," when she hears the 3d of next November named. For on that day the Fenian Brotherhood will assemble in the Fenian Hall, Chicago, Illinois, to concert measures for the invasion of Ireland with 100,000 emigrated Irish, and its transformation into a Republic on the American type. A Mr. John O'Mahony, of New York, is president of this formidable organization. We are told that Archbishop Hughes, and even Mr. Secretary Seward, are parties to this awful conspiracy, and the last gentleman is supposed to have revealed, through Mr. Adams, to the British Government the terrible resources at his command in case the rams were permitted to leave Birkenhead. General Corcoran and other distinguished Irish officers were to have been tendered important posts. The miserable "mass meeting" at Shevenamon was, we are told, the mouthpiece of the conspiracy on this side of the Atlantic. In short, the Fenian Brotherhood appear to have "circles" innumerable, and even a certain amount of cash in hand, not less it is asserted, than £20,000. With such resources it is almost as formidable as the water-toast sympathizers under General Cyrus Choke, who spoke to the noble sentiment, 'May the British Lion have his talons eradicated by the noble bill of the American Eagle, and be taught to play on the Irish harp and Scotch fiddle that music which is breathed in every empty shell that lies upon the shores of Green Co-lumbia!'

The Bank of England has raised the rate of discount from 4 per cent, at which it was fixed in May last, to 5 per cent.

The Duke of Newcastle has addressed a circular to officials in the West India Colonies enjoining them to abstain from writing for the press.

A very severe gale had been experienced in London and its environs as well as at most of the seaports on the eastern coast of England on the 31st of October.

The same gale appears to have been felt in several parts of England. Much damage has been done to buildings, and the ironclad Prince Consort, lying off Kingston, was greatly disabled and narrowly escaped destruction. It is said to be the severest gale that has occurred since 1848.

Her Majesty has returned to Windsor Castle.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Muir Quartz Mining Company.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUIR Quartz Mining Company will be held this afternoon, in the Confederate Saloon, at 3 o'clock. A full and punctual attendance is requested.

By order,
DANIEL SCOTT,
Secretary.
de24 1t

Cowichan Copper Mining Co.

A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will take place at the office of GEORGE BARNETT, on Government street, on THURSDAY the 24th instant, at 12 m., for the purpose of appointing Directors and transacting other important business.
Victoria, V. I., Dec 22d, 1863. de23 2t

BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE,
QUARTS AND PINTS;
F. Blemont Champagne,
QUARTS AND PINTS;
A small Invoice of the above Choice Wines
JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE
By the undersigned.
G. VIGNOLO & CO.,
de24 1t Wharf street.

MUNICIPAL.
POUND NOTICE.

UNLESS THE ANIMALS ADVERTISED in the Chronicle since the 14th December be claimed and all expenses paid by 12 a. m. on Saturday next, they will be sold to defray expenses punctually at 12:

1 red and white Bull;
1 gray Pony;
1 Black do white face;
1 bay do white legs;
By order of the Mayor,
JOHN WOOLLACOTT,
Pound Keeper.
Johnson street, Dec. 23d. de24

FROM THE VICTORIA
Coach & Wagon
FACTORY.

A Merry Christmas, one and all,
And a happy good New Year;
Long live the pleasures of the past,
Let its sorrows disappear.

We warmly thank our numerous friends
In the neighboring state and here,
For the many favors we've received
Through the waning good old year.

We trust old friends may still remain,
While many new draw near;
And witness in our humble way,
How we'll endeavor them through next year.

We'll greet their aid with generous pride,
And a hearty right good cheer
And welcome the public, one and all,
To our services through the year.

So come along—be not dismayed,
Our terms are not severe;
A moderate charge and better work,
Our motto in th' ensuing year.

We would not harm th' opposing trade,
Nor give it cause to fear;
But gladly move in peace with all
Throughout the next New Year.

Now, one word more before we part:
We'll shoe your horse or mend your cart,
Repair your wagon to a fraction,
And guarantee good satisfaction;
Fit up your Buggies, Sulkies, Busses,
Renew your Phaetons, Barouches, Coaches;
Steel a Pick or sharp a Drill,
Shoe an ox or iron a mill,
Fit out a Truck, repair a Dray,
And never turn the poor away,
But make their troubles disappear
And relieve their wants throughout the next long year.
de24 1m* DUCK & SANDOVER.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHRISTMAS!
CHRISTMAS!!
Eggs! Eggs! Eggs!!
FRESH, $1 per Dozen.

Just received by steamer Eliza Anderson and steamship Oregon.

FRESH CALIFORNIA EGGS, HAMS, Bacon, Lard and Butter. Also, a large quantity of Fruit (green and dried), Lemons and Limes all of which the undersigned is selling off cheap during the Holidays.
Call and examine for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere.
All the above will be sold at wholesale or retail.
JOHN HARRIMAN.
Fort street, opposite Heal's Boarding House, between Douglas and Broad streets. de24 1m

VICTORIA THEATRE.
THOS. WARD.....Lessee.
A. R. PHELPS.....Stage Manager.
G. G. ST CLAIR.....Leader of Orchestra
RALPH PHELPS.....Acting Manager.

First appearance of Miss V. Howard

THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING,
The performance will commence with the Romance in 5 Chapters, entitled
THE MARBLE HEART
Aspasia.....Miss Virginia Howard
Phidias.....Mr J H Taylor
Diogenes.....Mr A R Phelps
To conclude with a
FAVORITE FARCE,
Characters by the Company.
N B. No performance on Christmas night.
In preparation, the great play of OLIVER TWIST.
ADMISSION—Dress Circle and Orchestra Seats, $1 Fifty cents; Private Boxes, $8 and $10
Box Office open from 11 a. m. till 2 p. m.
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Curtain rises at half past o'clock.

CARIBOO EXPRESS.
Dietz & Nelson's
BRITISH COLUMBIA & VICTORIA
EXPRESS,
Connecting with Barnard's Cariboo Express,
WILL CLOSE
This Evening, December 24th, at 6 P. M.
Office at Wells, Fargo & Co.'s. de24

RE-OPENING
—OF THE—
ROYAL CHARTER
Fort street, a few doors above Government street.
M. R. Smith & Co.,
Have re-opened the above Establishment as a
BREAD AND FANCY CAKE BAKERY,
Tea and Coffee Saloon, &c.
WHERE THEY TRUST BY THE superior quality of the goods offered at low prices, to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage.
Furnished Rooms to Let.
de24 1m

Notice to Families.
FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF FAMILIES we have opened a Department in our
BRICK BUILDING,
Adjoining the Entrance to Cellars,
On Johnson street,
—FOR THE SALE OF—
WINES, SPIRITS,
And Malt Liquors, &c.
By the Bottle or Gallon.
THOS. PATTRICK & CO.
Victoria, V. I., 24th Dec. 1863. de24 1m

A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
To You All!

IF ON FORT STREET ON A CALL,
Pray drop in at the HALL;
Where Christmas Goose, fat and tight,
Will be Raffled every night;
And then again on Christmas Day,
Should you on Fort street stray,
At the HALL you'll find good cheer,
Of stuff'd Geese, Roast Beef, Plum Duff and Beer. de23 2w

LOST.
IN THE VICINITY OF FORT OR Douglas streets, a Casket containing a Brooch and three Gold Rings.
The finder will be suitably rewarded on bringing the same to the office of this paper. de23 tf

Sporborg & Rueff,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers
—IN—
Groceries, Provisions,
Boots and Shoes.
WHARF STREET.....VICTORIA, V. I.
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PARTICULAR attention given to the purchasing of Goods at New Westminster, B. C., and Victoria, V. I., on the most favorable terms, and shipping to destination;
LANDING WARRANTS Prepared, and Goods passed through the Custom House without delay.
New Westminster, March 13, 1863. de24

NOTICE.
TO CARPENTERS & BUILDERS.
TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL TUESDAY, 29th instant, for certain alterations and additions to a Building on the corner of Fort and Broad streets. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.
WRIGHT & SANDERS,
Architects, Yates street.
Victoria, Dec. 22d, 1863. de23

FOR SALE.
25 KEGS BLASTING POWDER FOR sale by
de22 EDGAR MARVIN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mrs. L. E. Wilcox,
Teacher of Vocal & Instrumental Music
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT SHE has removed to View street, opposite to the "Sister's School," where she will give Lessons on the Piano, Singing, &c., &c.
Victoria, Dec. 19th, 1863. de21 1m

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FINE LOT of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts, consisting of
DIAMOND AND PLAIN AND FANCY FINE GOLD JEWELRY,
FINE HEAVY CASED GENT'S WATCHES.
—ALSO—
HEAVY CASED LADIES' WATCHES, of the best Makers, cased to our own order in San Francisco.
Silverware!
OF NEWEST DESIGNS.
Warranted Coin Fine.
de22 2w

J. A. McCREA,
AGENT FOR THE
National Mills Flour.
NOW ON HAND
100 bbls. Baker's Extra in Hf-Sacks,
300 " Superfine, in Qr-Sacks.
de22 1m2p

MERRY CHRISTMAS
—AND—
Happy New Year!
WANTED IMMEDIATELY,
—AT—
S. Zinn's Fancy Bazaar,
ON GOVERNMENT ST.,
One thousand persons—male and female too
Are now required at ZINN'S! What to do?
They will have from time to time to lend their aid
In easing ZINN'S ample stock in trade.
The stock consists of Fancy Goods, Toys and Vases,
And may be taken away as parties pleases.
The parcels vary both in beauty and in size
According as the parties may advise;
Persons who thus employ themselves will see
The value of my Fancy Goods and Toys, a great variety.
An early application is requested,
As ZINN in this trade is deeply interested.

N. B.
TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.
FANCY GOODS, FANCY GOODS,
Fancy Vases and China Ornaments,
WORK BOXES,
POCKET AND TRAVELING COMPANIONS,
And all sorts of Holiday Presents, at
S. ZINN'S,
Santa Claus Headquarters and Fancy Bazaar, on Government street, opposite the Theatre.
☞ Toys by the case at less than San Francisco prices. no30 1m3p

DIARIES.
Counting House and Pocket
Diaries for 1864,
JUST RECEIVED
AND FOR SALE AT
HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S.
de7 3m

HIBBEN & CARSWELL
INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THE public to their choice selections of Elegant
PRESENTS!
Comprising amongst others,
Writing Desks,
(OF VARIOUS SIZES).
DRESSING CASES,
(For Ladies or Gentlemen).
LADIES' CARD CASES,
GOLD MOUNTED PENCIL CASES,
Elegant
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS,
DURABLY BOUND.
—ALSO, ON HAND—
A Large Assortment of Books
In every style of Binding and on all subjects.
Family & Pocket Bibles,
Church Service and Prayer Books, and Books for Children, in great variety.
Constant additions to the above will be received by every arrival. de17

E. WATSON. R. ROMBACK.
Watson & Romback,
WATCHMAKERS,
Jewelers, and Engravers,
YATES STREET,
(Next door to Bailey's Red House.)
THE SUBSCRIBERS WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public generally, that they have opened a CHOICE LOT of GOODS in the above line, and are continually receiving accessions to the same by every steamer.
Watches from the best ENGLISH, AMERICAN, and GERMAN manufactories, heavily cased in San Francisco, including some very fine, heavy cased LADIES' WATCHES.
Silver Ware, manufactured in San Francisco of WASHOE SILVER, of new and beautiful design.
Watches and Chronometers Repaired, and carefully regulated.
JEWELRY of every description made to order.
DIAMONDS mounted or set in any style desirable.
Being practical workmen,
MINERS
May rest assured of having
Their Own Gold
Worked up into any article they may wish.
☞ Plain and Ornamental ENGRAVING neatly executed. 3m

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.
PAWNBROKER'S
SALE.
TO BE SOLD ON
THIS DAY,
Thursday, Dec. 24,
At Star Office of Sol. H. Lichtenstein, on Government street, next door to Zinn's Toy Store, a large lot of
Forfeited Pledges,
The remains of a San Francisco Pawnbroker's Establishment,
CONSISTING OF
New and second-hand Gold Watches of all descriptions,
Diamonds, Rings,
Earrings and Pins,
Silverware,
Gold sets of Earrings and Pins,
Gold Emblems and Chains,
Musical Instruments,
And a great many other articles too numerous to mention.
J. P. DAVIES & CO.,
Auctioneers,

Christmas
NOVELTIES!!
USEFUL
—AND—
Ornamental!
—SUITABLE FOR—
Christmas
PRESENTS,
ARE NOW TO BE HAD
—OF—
LANGLEY BROS.
—ALSO—
VERY SUPERIOR
AND
ELEGANT
Coal Oil
LAMPS,
.....ETC.,.....ETC.
LANGLEY BROS.,
CHEMISTS & DRUGGISTS
Yates Street.
de16 1m 3dp

Hibernia Company,
WILLIAMS CREEK!
HALF AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE claim for sale, free of all charges and assessments until good pay is struck. At the time the above claim was closed for the winter, prospects had been obtained to pay $16 per day to the hand.
For further particulars, apply to
de8 tf MR. H. B. CAMPBELL.

Fountain Head Co.,
McCULLUM'S GULCH.
A FULL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE celebrated Claim for sale on very reasonable terms.
For particulars, apply to
de8 tf MR. H. B. CAMPBELL

Washing Crystals.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN APPOINTED Agents for the sale of
Kingsford's Celebrated.
WASHING CRYSTALS,
Which are entirely free from lime or any ingredient destructive to Linen or Cotton Fabrics.
For sale in lots to suit customers by
JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
de21

The Beaufort,
Government street, near Broughton.
A Christmas Dinner of Good
ENGLISH CHEER WILL BE PROVIDED for a limited number, on the 25th instant. Early application for Tickets is respectfully requested by
H. DONCASTER,
de16 1w Proprietor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

City Auction Rooms,
FORT STREET, NEAR WHARF.
DANIEL SCOTT & CO.,
Auctioneers & Commission Merchants
☞ Horse and Cattle Sales on Saturday.
A large paddock kept for the accommodation of stock sent for sale.
Reference—MACDONALD & Co., Bankers, Yates Street.
Cash advanced on consignments of Merchandise stock etc de11

AUCTION.
ON
SATURDAY, 26th inst
I am Instructed by
Mr. Jonathan Begg
TO SELL BY AUCTION,
WITHOUT RESERVE,
THE BALMORAL FARM,
Situated on Begg's Settlement,
SALT SPRING ISLAND,
Containing an area of 200 Acres, of which 40 acres are substantially fenced and under cultivation. About 4 acres have been laid out as an Orchard, and contain at the present time 300 Bearing Fruit Trees of various descriptions together with 10,000 Nursery Trees one to two years old. There is also a comfortable Log House 26x16, and one or two Outhouses. Title indisputable.
THREE GOLD DIAMOND RINGS,
This being the last sale of the year, Mr. Begg's Farm and the Diamond Rings only will be offered.
de23
DANIEL SCOTT,
de21 AUCTIONEER.

AUCTION.
TRADE SALE
DANIEL SCOTT & CO.
WILL SELL
By Public Auction,
On Tuesday, the 29th Inst.,
THE
LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF
GOODS!
EVER OFFERED IN THIS COLONY,
COMPRISING
Wines,
Spirits,
Hock,
Ale,
Porter,
Champagne,
Etc.....Etc.....Etc.
On the most liberal terms, namely, 2 and 3 months.
Particulars of the above Sale with Brands, &c., will appear in the COLONIST of Thursday morning.
The Auctioneers beg to state that every article offered will be of first rate quality.
A Sample in all instances, regardless of cost must be sold. de23

CHRISTMAS
AND
New Year's Gifts.
MISS FLORENCE WILSON
HAS NOW ON SALE A LARGE ASSORTMENT of
Fancy Goods
Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Gifts.
—COMPRISING—
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS,
DRESSING AND WRITING CASES,
BOOKS, ETC., ETC.
A variety of goods expected to arrive per "Sea Snake," "Napoleon III," and "Speedwell."
Always on hand every description of Account Books, Stationary, &c.
de21

J. T. MARTIN & CO,
ST. OURS' WHARF,
HAVE ON SALE
BARLEY,
GROUND BARLEY;
COSTA RICA COFFEE;
FLOUR—
National Baker's Extra,
Pacific do do
Clinton do do de22 1w

Christmas Ball,
TO BE GIVEN AT GYMNASIUM HALL,
BROUGHTON STREET,
On Friday Evening, Dec. 25th.
COMMITTEE:
Aaron Johnson, K. McCaskill, P. Kline, E. Stone
L. ENSIGN, Floor Manager.
TICKETS, Supper included, $5; to be had of the Committee or at the door.
Chronicle copy. de2

STORAGE.
DANIEL SCOTT & CO. HAVE ROOM for from 400 to 500 tons of Goods, where they will store considerably under the present rates of Storage.
Fort street, 21st Dec. 1863. de21 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.
THIS DAY
Thursday, Dec, 24th,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
AT SALESROOM,
ON WHARF STREET,
TRADE SALE
CALIFORNIA BACON AND HAMS
16 cases New California Bacon;
6 " New California Hams;
50 " Jewel Harrison & Co. Lard;
20 firkins New Isthmus Butter;
10 " Cooking Butter;
100 boxes Knap Bros. Candles, Anchor brand;
400 boxes Irish Soap;
100 kegs S. I. Sugar;
25 bbls Best Eastern Corned Beef;
8 Gunnies Oat Meal;
10 cases Sardines hf boxes;
30 boxes Layer Rasins;
10 casks Sal Soda;
11 casks New Zante Currants;
—ALSO—
Oilman's Stores.
de22
—ALSO—
BLANKETS,
300 Single Blankets;
---- Boxes Tin;
1 pair Platform Scales;
—ALSO—
1 cask Loaf Sugar;
1 " Crushed Sugar; de23
—ALSO—
SALT,
50 tons Bay State Salt, in bags;
—ALSO—
Ex N. S. Perkins,
600 kegs Syrup, 5 gall each;
100 " " 8 "
100 " " 4 "
—ALSO—
1000 Fraser River Smoked Salmon;
de24 J. A. McCREA,
Auctioneer.

On Friday, Jan. 8, '64,
I AM INSTRUCTED
BY THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR,
TO SELL
THE STOCK OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA
Royal Mail Company,
(LIMITED,)
—CONSISTING OF—
3 Stage Coaches;
10 Sets Double Concord Harness;
1 Lot of Land, with Barn, All at Lillooet;
1 Freight Wagon, at Pemberton Portage;
34 Head Horses, at 100-mile House, above Lillooet;
12 Head Horses, at New Westminster.
In VICTORIA.
12 Head Horses;
--- Sets Harness;
2 Stage Coaches;
And various other Articles.
Will be Sold on a Credit.
TERMS AT SALE.
N. B.—The whole will be sold in Victoria.
J. A. McCREA,
de7 Auctioneer.

Christmas!
TO PURCHASERS OF
LAMPS, CRYSTAL,
China and Crockery!
D. LINDSAY, FORT STREET, RESPectfully calls the attention of purchasers of the above articles to his present stock, a considerable portion of which has been opened up this month, and is especially adapted to this season of the year.
COAL OIL LUSTRES
—AND—
Table Lamps,
D. L. has opened this week the third Shipment of these Goods for the season, comprising every thing
NEW, USEFUL AND ELEGANT
In this department, and at prices greatly reduced.
P. S.—D. Lindsay's Lamps and Lustres are all Guaranteed Perfect or will be Replaced by others.
Coal Oil Lamp Chimneys,
AND LAMP GLOBES,
FIRST BRANDS, WHOLESALE.
D. LINDSAY,
Crockery & Glass Depot & Lamp Factor
de12 1m Fort Street.

MINING NOTICES.

Hope Mining Company, Limited.
Notice.
THE ABOVE COMPANY BEING NOW registered in British Columbia, the Shareholders are requested to call at the Victoria office to sign the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and to receive their Certificates of Shares
AUG. R. GREEN,
Secretary.
Victoria, V. I., 17th Dec., 1863. de18 6t
Columbian copy

Office of Hope Mining Co., Limited.
Notice of Call.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at a meeting of the Directors of the Company, held this day, an assessment was made of Three Dollars per Share on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable to the Secretary at the Victoria office of the Company.
AUG. R. GREEN,
Secretary
Victoria, V. I., 17th Dec., 1863. de18 6t
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WILLIAMS CREEK, CARIBOO.
FOR SALE.
The John Bull Company.
ONE ENTIRE INTEREST IN THIS well known Claim for sale. A great Bargain.
Also,
The Rockland Company.
ONE ENTIRE INTEREST FOR SALE very cheap.
N. B.—The proprietors of these claims having to return to Europe on business of importance, offer the above claims far below their value. Apply to
E. C. WADDINGTON,
Land Agent and Stock Broker,
de18 2w Government street.

The Phelan Company,
WILLIAMS CREEK.
A ONE HALF INTEREST IN THE above Company for sale.
Apply to
GEORGE BARNETT,
de9 1m Government street.

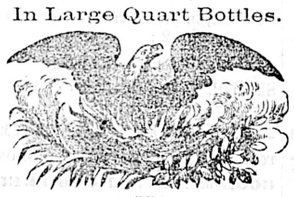
PARKINSON CLAIM,
McCULLUM'S GULCH.
ONE ENTIRE INTEREST
In the above well established and paying
CLAIM FOR SALE,
A great Bargain and on easy Terms.
THE ABOVE CLAIM IS IN PERFECT working order, and paid last summer
$2000 to the Hand, Clear.
For particulars, apply to
E. C. WADDINGTON,
Land Agent and Stock Broker,
de14 Government street

A Bargain!
CARIBOO CLAIM FOR SALE!
ONE ENTIRE INTEREST IN THE well-known BLACK FOREST Claim, situated on Williams Creek, and adjoining THE PRAIRIE FLOWER Company, will be sold very cheap if applied for soon.
Apply to E. C. WADDINGTON,
Land Agent and Stock Broker,
no28 1m Government street.

Now Landing
Ex Bark N. S. Perkins,
FROM HONOLULU.
SUGAR, IN KEGS, NO. 1;
Do Crushed Do;
KONA COFFEE;
SYRUP, in 4, 5 and 8-gal kegs;
MOLASSES;
For sale by
de23 1m LOWE BROTHERS.

Neva Stearine Candles.
THE UNDERSIGNED ARE AGENTS for Messrs. James Miller & Sons for the sale of these Candles manufactured at the
Neva Stearine Works,
ST. PETERSBURG.
Which are warranted to withstand 120 degrees of heat, Fahrenheit, and will be found superior to any other Stearine Candles.
JANION, GREEN & RHODES.
de21

ESTABLISHED IN 1862.
BRISTOL'S
SARSAPARILLA,
In Large Quart Bottles.



THE
GREAT PURIFIER of THE BLOOD!
And the only genuine and original preparation for
THE PERMANENT CURE
OF THE
MOST DANGEROUS AND CONFIRMED CASES
—OF—
SCROFULA OR KING'S EVIL, OLD SORES, BOILS, TUMORS, ABSCESSES, ULCERS,
And every kind of Scrofulous and Scabious eruptions. It is also a sure and reliable remedy for
SALT RHEUM, RING WORM,
TETTER, SCALD HEAD, SCURVY,
Syphilis, or Venereal Disease,
White Swellings and Neuralgic Affections, Nervous and General Debility of the System. Loss of Appetite, Languor, Dizziness, and all Affections of the Liver, Fever and Ague, Bilious Fevers, Chills and Fever, Dumb Ague, and Jaundice.
Guaranteed to be the most powerful and pures preparation of
Genuine Honduras Sarsaparilla!
THAT IS PUT UP FOR SALE.
It is the very best, and in fact the only sure and reliable medicine for the cure of all diseases arising from a vitiated or impure state of the blood or from excessive use of Mercury.
The afflicted may rest assured that there is NOT THE LEAST PARTICLE OF MINERAL MERCURIAL, or any other poisonous substance in this medicine. It is perfectly harmless, and may be administered to persons in the very weakest stages of sickness, or to the most helpless infants, without doing the least injury.
Full directions how to take this most valuable medicine will be found around each bottle; and to guard against counterfeits, see that the written signature of LANMAN & KEMP is upon the blue label.
Prepared only by
LANMAN & KEMP,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
Nos. 69, 71, and 73 Water St. New York, U. S.
Agents for Pacific Coast
HOSTETTER, SMITH & DEAN,
San Francisco.
☞ Sold by ALL DRUGGISTS in Victoria.
de16 tf is

Cash will be Paid
FOR 800 CORDS OF DRY CLEAR Pine Wood.
Apply to R. BRODRICK,
de18 1w Union Wharf.

BRAVERMAN & LEWIN,
CIGAR & TOBACCO
WAREHOUSE
41 YATES ST. VICTORIA V.I.
oc 28

LOST.
THE TOP OF A BROOCH, COMPOSED of Red Coral surrounded with thick Gold Wire in the form of the figure eight. Any person having the same at the COLONIST Office will be rewarded. de23 1w

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

P. M. BACKUS,
Auctioneer and Commission Merchant
SALESROOM.
No. 6, Commercial Row, Wharf street
de13
AUCTION.
Japanese Goods,
Fancy Goods,
—AND—
Christmas Doings!
P. M. BACKUS
WILL SELL
THIS DAY,
Thursday, Dec. 24th,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,
SEVERAL INVOICES,
—INCLUDING—
1 superb Japanese, large size, Bird Cabinet,
2 medium size, silver inlaid,
1 wood inlaid Cabinet Wardrobe,
4 Ladies' Writing Desks,
1 pair magnificent Japanese Vases,
1 " black and gold " "
Fans, Card Cases,
Inlaid Boxes. Cigar Boxes, &c.,
Setts Chessmen,
Pieces Fancy and Black Silk,
Etc.....Etc.....Etc.
de22
FANCY GOODS,
Dressing Combs, Forehead Combs;
Hair Brushes, Nail Brushes;
Port Monnaies, Satchels;
Photographic Albums,
Jewelry,
Bog Oak Bracelets, Pearl Brooches;
Ivory Brooches, Clasps, Solitaires;
Studs, Breast Pins, Gilt Combs;
Blue Pearl and Corolaine Bracelets;
Gilt, Jet, Ivory and Cornelian "
Links, Crosses, Chains and Necklets;
Belts, Rings, &c., &c.
BOOKS,
1,000 Volumes in Lots. de23
—ALSO—
One Superior 7 octave Prince's Parlor Melodeon;
—AND—
12 prs Assorted Patterns Coal Oil Lamps. de24

GROVER & BAKER'S
FIRST PREMIUM
FAMILY
SEWING MACHINES,
THE BEST IN USE.
AWARDED THE
HIGHEST PREMIUM
AT THE
OREGON STATE FAIR,
Salem, O., Sept. 1863,
And at every STATE FAIR in the United States where exhibited, in 1860, 1861, 1862, and 1863.
—FOR—
EMBROIDERING,
BRAIDING,
QUILTING,
HEMMING;
TUCKING,
FELLING,
GATHERING,
They are Faultless.
They use two ordinary Spools.
The Seam is the Strongest made,
They are very Simple.
No other Machine Embroiders.
It Sews any and all Fabrics
Try! Test! Examine Them!
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!
Machines Warranted.
Sub-Agents Wanted.
R. H. ADAMS,
AGENT,
Pioneer Hat Store,
YATES STREET, VICTORIA.
de9 1m

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Thursday Morning, Dec. 24, 1863.

COMMERCIAL.

Auction Sales This Day.

P. M. BACKUS will sell this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., at salesroom, Japanese Goods, Fancy Goods, Photographic Albums, Jewelry, Books.

J. A. McCREA will sell at 11 a. m. at Salesroom, California Bacon and Hams, Oilman's Stores, Blankets, etc.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell at 11 o'clock, a. m., at Star Office of H. Lichtenstein, on Government street, Forfeited Pledges, the remains of a San Francisco Pawnbroker's Establishment.

TREASURE SHIPMENTS.—The Oregon will take to San Francisco $76,051 60, the Bank of British Columbia having shipped $54,138 2, and Wells, Fargo & Co., $20,113 67.

FOR NANAIMO.—The ship Saracen, Mayhew, sailed from San Francisco on the 18th inst.

VESSELS UP FOR THIS PORT AT SAN FRANCISCO.—Brig Hugh Barclay, Rowlings, 17th inst; bark Architect, Hoeg.

SAILED.—Barkentine W, B. Scranton, Hall, 14th inst.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.—The French corvette La Cordeliere, 22 guns, Capt. Chenez, arrived from Honolulu on the 17th.

LIGHTHOUSE.—The light at the mouth of the Umpqua River, Oregon, has been extinguished.

EXPORTS.—The Oregon takes to Portland from this port about 30 tons of merchandise, consisting of Crockery, Hardware, Oil, &c.

San Francisco Wholesale Markets.

FLOUR—Sales aggregate 200 bbls Golden Age extra superfine, for export, at $5 26; 1200 qr sks superfine do at $4 25; 840 hf sks do do private; 600 hf do Baker's extra do at $5; and 2700 qr sks extra do. in jobbing lots, at $5 25; 1500 qr sacks Commercial extra at $4 25; 1150 do Guadalupe do at $5 25, and 200 do Baker's do at $5 25.

BARLEY—Sales aggregate 800 sks ord coast at $1 37½; 2000 fair do at $1 40; 1380 do good at $1 42½; 3260 do choice feed at $1 45; 400 do do at $1 47½; and 700 do choice brewing at $150 per 100 lbs.

OATS—Sales of 1090 sks, in lots, at prices ranging from $1 40 to $1 55, as per quality and bags.

HAY—Sales of cargoes afloat comprise 25 tons good to choice at $19@20; 26 do choice at $20, and 20 do do also at $20 ℔ ton.

BRAN—Sale of 20 tons at $22.

BEANS—Sales of 200 sks Small Whites at 2¾c, and 500 do various at 2c ℔ lb' closing nominally same as previously reported.

BUTTER—Choice dairy at 60@65c; good do at 50@60c, and mixed or common do at 25@45c ℔ lb.

CHEESE—Quotable at 11@15c ℔ lb.

STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

TRANSACTIONS ON 22D.

SALES.

Skidegate Bay Copper Co,	1 Share,	$50,	30	days
	2 "	$55,	30	days
	10 "	$46,	30	days
	5 "	$47,	30	days
	1 "	$47,		cash

Sooke Copper Co., 50 Shares, $7, regular way

TRANSACTIONS ON 23D.

SALES.

Skidegate Bay Copper Co., 2 Shares, $47, regular way.
Skidegate Bay Copper Co., 2 Shares, $55, buyer 30 days.
Gold Harbor, 1 Share, $25, regular way.
Gold Harbor, 2 Shares, $27 50 regular way.
Queen Charlotte Mining Co., 3 Shares, $60, cash.
Queen Charlotte Mining Co., 1 Share, $75, buyer 30 days.

OFFERS TO BUY AND SELL.

Eureka, $75 asked, $62 50 offered.
Sangster, $1 offered for 500 Shares, 30 days.
Sangster, $1 10 asked for 100 Shares, regular way.
Sooke, $7 offered, $7 50 asked.
Hope Silver Co., $14 offered, no sellers.
Gas Co., $120 offered, 130 asked.
Souque Crust Silver Co., $85 asked, no buyers.

By order of the President,
A. F. MAIN,
Secretary.

CONSIGNEES.

Per stmr ORBGON, from San Francisco—S Baker, A Gilmore, A McDonald, B B Col Foster, C E Williams' C M, C W W, E A Light, F, F B, A N, H M Rider, H in dia, Jay & Co, J Heywood R Bros, M & Co, Mr Cliff, Mrs McCreight, M M, P, P A, R Spratt, T F Howell, Wallace, Wells, Fargo & Co, Scoffe & Runfee, C A Bayley, P Corbiniere, Wilson & Rickman, Caire & Grancini, Elliott & Stuart, J J Southgate & Co, D Lindsay, E Marks, Order, S B Hind, S W Percival, Stmr Eliza Anderson, R Brodrick, Eug Thomas, Sutro & Co, Shultz & Trickey, Wm Dally & Co, S Zinn, Tai Soong & Co, H Mansell, R H Adams, Hibben & Carswell, L Hotelier, Yang Wo Sang, Hudson Bay Co, J Loewi & Co, C Bannister, Kwong Lee, E Marvin, Malatesta & Co, J Corin, Searby & Moore, W Z-lner, Langley Bros, Braverman & Lewin, J Goldsmith, M Prag, Prosper Grellen, M Driard.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr OREGON, from San Francisco—34 pgs boots and shoes, 12 pgs pork and hams, 1 pkg clothing, 12 pkgs butter, 3 cs cheese, 1 pkg candles, 10 pkgs hardware, 5 pkgs glassware, 3 pkgs hops, 7 planks, 10 cs oil, 1 pkg cocks, 1 pkg lamps, 3 cs dry goods, 20 pgs machinery, 13 cs cigars, 6 pkgs bark mill, 33 pgs chinese provisions, 2 pkgs toys, 2 do hats, 4 do paper, 30 do coffee, 10 do fruit, 18 pgs fancy goods, 5 pkgs sugar, pepper, etc, 17 pgs tobacco, 19 pgs drugs, 4 do stationery, 1 do piano, 7 do tobacco and candles, 1 cs shirts, 43 cs oil, etc, 11 cs wine preserves, 1 cs wine, 1 do belting, 6 bxs shrubs, 9 do eggs, 2 pgs pork, 62 cs mdse, 1 capstan, 1 trunk, 44 beef and sheep carcasses. 1 pg seeds, 5 do hams, 3 do fruit, 2 do butter, etc. Value, $15,000.

GOODS ON THE WAY.

Per SCRANTOM, from San Francisco, Dec. 12—1 box asid, 14 cs bacon, 200 sks barley, 1 roll belting, 10 cs bread, 6 doz brooms, 20 fkns butter, 4 cs cheese, 70 pkgs mdse cheese, 118 bgs coffee, 1 cs clocks, 2 csks coal, 10 pkgs cordage, 6 cks crockery & glassware, 2 cs drugs, 5 sks flaxseed, 470 hf sks flour, 2760 do qr sks, 18 pkgs furniture, 2 pipes gin, 250 pkgs groceries, 10 cs hams, 46 pkgs hardware, 8 bales hay, 1 csk lamps, 26 cs liquors, 25 kits mackerel, 18 pkgs mdse, 14 kegs nails, 40 sks oats 70 cs coal oil, 3 bbls plaster of paris, 136 mats rice, 50 bxs soap, 25 pkgs stoves & furniture, 15 bxs tobacco, 22 hf bxs bo, 14 nests trunks, 1 pkg twine, 3 pkgs wheelbarrows, 74 cs wines. Value—$15,930 60.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

Dec 23—Stmr Oregon, Connor, San Francisco
Schr J K Thornkyke, Thornton, San Juan
Stmr Caledonia, Wallace, New Westminster
Barge Speedwell, Wallace, New Westminster

CLEARED.

Dec 23—Stmr Oregon, Connor, San Francisco
Schr Winged Racer, Ryder, Port Angelos
Schr J K Thorndyke, Thornton, San Juan
Sloop Lady Franklin, Warren, S S
Barge Speedwell, Wallace, New Westminster
Stmr Caledonia, Wallace, New Westminster
Schr Sarah Newton, McKee, Port Angelos

DIED.

At New York, Nov. 7th, 1863, Pawl Malowanski, a native of Warsaw, Poland, aged 27, youngest son of M Malowanski, of Victoria.

ARRIVAL OF THE U. S. STEAMER "NARRAGANSETT."—This war steamer arrived in Esquimalt Harbor yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, having left San Francisco on the 11th instant, and encountered very severe weather on the passage. She was detained several days off the Straits, unable to enter. The Narragansett mounts five guns, and carries a complement of 120 men. It is hinted in the San Francisco papers that although the steamer left ostensibly on a cruise to the north, her real mission was to watch a suspicious craft fitting out in this harbor. We are much pleased to receive Commander Woodworth and his gallant crew, though we do believe that the alleged privateer will eventuate in a "bottle of smoke." The only vessel fitting out that we know of, is Jimmy Jones' little propeller "Jenny Jones," and certainly neither Jimmy nor "Jenny" have a piratical look. The Narragansett will take in 170 tons of coal before she leaves.

COMMITTED.—Henry Towne, a seaman belonging to H. M. S. Surveying ship Beaver, was yesterday committed to prison to serve out a sentence of 28 days imprisonment with hard labour, by virtue of a warrant issued on board that ship for being found guilty of using obscene language and behaving in a highly unsubordinate manner.

ASSAULT.—An Indian named Charley was brought before Mr. Pemberton yesterday charged with violently assaulting a Chinaman named Un Sing and tearing his clothes. The offender was mulcted in the sum of $25 with the option of two months in the chain gang.

ANOTHER CHARGE OF KLEPTOMANIA.—A woman named Marguerita Holman was charged yesterday in the Police Court by Mr. Zinn, with unlawfully appropriating sundry toys and ornaments from the Santa Claus Bazaar. On the application of Mr. Wight the case was postponed till Monday.

ADDITIONAL WAR NEWS BY THE OREGON

PORTLAND, (Me.) Dec. 11.—The agents of the steamer Chesapeake deny the statement of the St. Johns *Globe* regarding the cargo of that steamer. Rebel sympathizers there originated the report to prejudice the British authorities.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 11.—Jeff Davis in his message is very despondent over the loss of Vicksburg, Port Hudson and other points. He says there has been no improvement in relations with foreign countries since his last message, on the contrary there is greater divergence in the conduct of European nations, assuming a character positively unfriendly. He speaks of the marked partiality of Great Britain in favor of the North. He says that the public finances demand the strictest and most earnest attention; that a prompt efficacious remedy for the present condition of the finances is necessary to successful operations. He recommends taxation instead of further sales of bonds or issue of treasury notes. He also recommends putting an end to the substitute business and a modification of the exemption law, so that the army may be increased as rapidly as possible. He regrets the suspension of the exchange of prisoners and that their communication with the trans-Mississippi country is obstructed, and concludes by saying that the enemy refuse proposals for the only peace possible. Their only hope for peace is now a vigorous resistance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The *Times'* special despatch says Lovejoy's bill for the punishment of slaveholders, of which he gives notice the first day of the session, provides that all slaves freed by the emancipation proclamation of January 1st, or by any Act of Congress, shall be declared to be citizens, and competent witnesses in all United States Courts; and any one attempting to reduce any one so freed again to slavery, shall be declared guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than $2000 nor more than $10,000, and be imprisoned not less than one nor more than ten years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The *Chronicle* of to-day published a rumor which it is not able to verify, but believes to be true and not improbable, to the effect that Alexander H. Stevens and five others had come down to Fortress Monroe on a flag of truce boat, with proposals for peace: that they asked to be received in their official capacity as Commissioners from the Southern Confederacy, but that they were refused. Inquiries this morning, in quarters where such fact, if it existed, would probably be known, failed to elicit anything confirmatory.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—A despatch from Gen. Butler says the rebels authorities decline receiving any more packages or provisions for the Union prisoners. Quartermaster Torrence, who returned from City Point this morning, was informed by Capt. Hatch, who was sent from Richmond to meet him, of the above decision of the rebel Government, and gave as a reason what they alleged to be an imputation on their honor by the press and Government authorities, that the goods were not forwarded in good faith to the prisoners. For the present nothing will be received by the rebel authorities but letters and enclosures of money. Capt. Hatch admitted there had been some irregularities in delivering supplies at one time, but said that the officers who had been guilty of neglecting the prisoners had been promptly relieved and punished. As to the bad condition of the prisoners returned to Annapolis, he said they were extreme cases of consumption, and that it was a grave error on the part of the authorities to have allowed such prisoners to return.

It is reported that Courts of Inquiry will be held, at which all the facts in regard to the recent movements of the Army of the Potomac will be traced out.

A letter from Morris Island says the rebels are working very hard on Sullivan's Island, increasing their works, and shelling Forts Gregg and Wagner. The rebel ironclads occasionally show themselves, but are always very careful to avoid a fight. The rebels are said to be very savage, and do not spare our men when they can catch them. Reconnoissances are frequently made from the fleet, and much valuable information has been obtained.

A special Washington telegram to the *Times* says that Lee's cavalry endeavored on Sunday to cut off Meade's communication with Washington, by destroying the bridge across Cedar Creek near Catlett's Station. About 700 men made a dash at the guard posted at the bridge, but were driven off after a short fight. The line of railroad from the front to Alexandria will be protected by cavalry and infantry hereafter.

The President has yielded to the demand made by the Royal League representatives, and Gen. Scofield has been removed and ordered to report at Washington.

Letters have been received from prominent conservative members of the rebel Congress from North Carolina, asking unofficially upon what terms the Southern States would be permitted to return to the Union.

The Clerk of the Senate Military Committee, the House Librarian, and several other minor officials at the Capitol, suspected of sympathy with secessionists, have been relieved from office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the House, yesterday, Mr. Lovejoy introduced a bill providing that all persons held in slavery in any State or Territory shall be declared to be free. All persons so declared free shall be protected the same as white men under the Constitution.

Mr. Arnold introduced a bill to aid the President in carrying into immediate execution the Emancipation Proclamation of January last. Both bills were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Washburn introduced a bill making Lieutenant-General a regular grade in the army, and authorizing the President to confer it on any officer not below the grade of Major-General, who has distinguished himself by courage, skill, etc. It was referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Wilson of Iowa, introduced his bill to amend the Constitution, declaring slavery incompatible with a free Government, and therefore prohibited in the United States.

A Special Joint Committee will probably be appointed, to consider what legislation is necessary to enable loyal people South to restore their States to the Union, on the basis of the President's Message and Proclamation; and to this Committee, probably, will be referred all the bills now before Congress on the subject of slavery, and such other bills as may be introduced which bear upon the general topic.

Foote introduced a bill granting public lands to the people of the Pacific Railroad and telegraph line by the northern route, and asked that the bill be referred to a special committee.

CHICAGO, December 16.—A special despatch from Washington says that Senator Saulsbury of Delaware also declines to take the anti-rebellion oath required by the Act of last Congress.

The Richmond *Examiner* of late date has the following: The Federal prisoners are furnished daily with three-quarters of a pound of bacon, when the rebel troops in the field are only receiving one quarter of a pound.

The rebel Senate have passed a bill prohibiting the enrollment of substitutes in the army.

A resolution offered by Brown of Mississippi, impressing all able bodied white men into the army; requiring aliens to quit the country within 60 days or take up arms; to levy direct tax on all lands and property, including Confederate notes, and to make the latter a legal tender, after the expiration of six months; prohibiting the buying and selling gold and silver, and U S. Treasury notes, during the war, under a heavy penalty. Violations of the above provisions are amenable to the military courts alone. No action taken on the resolution.

A bill is pending in the rebel Congress for the issue of $500,000 coupon bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest, payable in 20 years.

The report of the rebel Secretary of the Treasury places the entire debt of the Confederacy at $1,000,000,000, $800,000,000 of which are treasury notes. $700,000,000 of these notes are in circulation. The Secretary says that the amount needed to carry on the Confederacy until the 30th June, 1864, is $475,000,000, and extending the estimates to include the entire year, the amount will reach $1,450,000,000, which Congress is formally called on to provide. If the Confederacy lasts until the end of 1864, the debt will be $2,500,000,0 0.

Ashley, of Ohio, will soon introduce in the House an important bill, providing in accordance with the suggestion of the President's Message, a proclamation for the establishment of a provisional government over the district of country in rebellion, and for the authorizing of loyal citizens in such districts to organize State Governments. The bill of Ashley confers on the President power to appoint for every district in rebellion a Military Governor who is to have the civil administration until a State government can be formed and Senators and Representatives to Congress elected. Whenever the people shall desire a re-organization of State governments the Military Governor is to order the enrolment of loyal electors. So soon as the number of the latter will be equal to one-tenth of the votes of the Presidential election of 1860, the Military Governor shall order the election of a State Convention, which shall be authorized to form a State government, provided it be not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or the President's Proclamation of 1st January 1863, and slavery be forever abolished and prohibited. The new constitution is to be submitted to the people after its adoption. Senators and Representatives to Congress may be chosen. All the laws of former constitutions of these districts making a distinction between black and white persons to be abrogated. Any infringement of individual freedom to be punished as kidnapping.

The House Committee on Territories will soon report bills constituting Nebraska, Utah, and Colorado as States; also to create a new territory out of some portion of Nebraska.

The bill to increase the pay of the army meets with general favor and will soon be reported back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The steamer Thos. A. Scott, from New Orleans the 8th, confirms the capture of Port Cavallo, by our troops, without the loss of a man.

The *Herald's* correspondent off Charleston says: Admiral Dahlgren is preparing for a great movement, and the ironclads will not leave till our flag waves over Charleston or its ruins. Sumter still subjected to a heavy fire. Our guns have full possession of that harbor. In the city darkness prevails at night, as if Beauregard had ordered the street lamps not to be lighted. There are no lights in the houses, and nothing but famine and terror rule in the city, and were it not for the military leaders, the city would be surrounded. Great activity prevails in both Departments.

The Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners has been officially notified by the rebel authorities that they will not receive any more provisions for the prisoners in their hands. The reason for their course is (the comments that have been made) with reference to the manner the rebel authorities carried out their pledge. This is probably a mere subterfuge—the real objection being the jealousy of the people of Richmond, of the fact that through the care and liberality of our Government, and the friends of the prisoners at home, they are said to be living better than any of the families live in the rebel capital. Commissioner Ould says, hereafter prisoners will receive precisely the same rations as rebel troops in the field.

A despatch from Yorktown, Va., the 14th, from Gen. Buttler, says: I have the satisfaction to announce the complete success of the expedition sent out under Col. West. All worked in successful combination. Our cavalry carried the enemy's camp at Charles City Court-house, after sharp fighting, the enemy firing from the shore. We captured 8 officers and 82 men, being the whole command, together with 54 horses. The enemy's camp, with equipments, arms, ammunition and provisions were all thoroughly destroyed. Our loss was 1 killed and 6 wounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 76.—In the House today a resolution was adopted, instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the alleged inhumanity of the enemy towards our wounded taken off the field. Numerous other resolutions were introduced, among them one by Mr. Rollins of Missouri, declaring that this House is prompted by just patriotism in favoring the zealous prosecution of the war, which was inaugurated by the disunionists, and that it is the duty of Government to prosecute the war until obedience to the Constitution and laws are secured, and that the war shall not be prosecuted for the purpose of conquest or subjugation. Mr. Lovejoy moved to lay the same on the table, which was lost by 50 to 114. A debate arising from the resolution it was laid over.

The Select Committee on the Pacific Railroad was announced to-day, as follows:—Stevens, Wilder, Steele, of New York; Price, Cole, Noble, Donnelly, McBride, of New Jersey; McClung, Ames, Yarman and Swet.

In the Senate, the House resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Maj.-General Grant, and the officers and men of his command, was adopted.

Mr. Sumner introduced a bill to satisfy the claims of American citizens by reason of French spoliations, which was laid on the table and ordered printed.

FORTRESS MONROE, December 17.—Last evening the hospital at Yorktown took fire. The fire communicated with the bakery, and about half-past one o'clock the magazine exploded. The fire continued, causing the frequent explosion of shells during the night. About 4 o'clock this morning another explosion took place, and several buildings were destroyed. The above are all the particulars we have obtained as yet. One wounded man arrived here this evening.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—The steamer Chesapeake moved to Santro harbor, 20 miles from Halifax, yesterday. The U. S. steamer Ella and Annie was informed of the fact, and will be at Short Point early this morning. The Governor of Nova Scotia has issued orders for the arrest of the pirates. There are no other gunboats here.

Gen. Meade will soon be relieved of his command, but his successor is not yet appointed. It is, however, known that the President and Secretary Chase favor the restoration of Hooker, while the Secretary of war hesitates between him and Thomas. In the event of Thomas taking command the the general impression is that Hooker will succeed him in command of the army of the Cumberland. There is no truth in the rumor that Pleasanton has been assigned to army of the Potomac. It has been determined to recognize that army.

In the Confederate Congress on the 8th Ex-Gov. Foote made a speech severely censuring Jeff Davis. He said he (the President) had never visited the army without doing injury, and never that it was not followed by disaster. He was instrumental in the Gettysburg affair. He instructed Bragg at Murfreesboro, and opened Georgia to the enemy's troops, and laid South Carolina liable to destruction. He charged Jeff Davis with having almost ruined the country, and declared he would meet his champion anywhere to discuss the question.

Private advices received to-day from Richmond, say that the present session of the Confederate Congress will be a stormy one. The question of reconstruction will be fearlessly presented to the people by conservative members of North Carolina. A great many members elected on the Last Ditch platform are said to be secretly in favor of the policy advocated by North Carolina. A conservative joint resolution will soon be introduced, taking strong grounds in favor of reconstruction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Richmond *Whig*, of the 3d, calls for a reconstruction of the rebel cabinet, and says: We have a Department of State that has not been able, for nearly three years, to establish any relations with any other country; a Treasury Department that has failed to keep its finances from ruin; a War Department in the hands of a chief whose previous course of life has been purely and peculiarly civil; a Navy Department without a navy; a Post-office Department with a very shocking system of mails. The Whig adds: We are getting into deep water, and a feeling of dread is shaking the souls of the people. There is nothing that the President can do that will so reanimate their hearts as calling to his cabinet the wisest and most experienced men in the country. The time is propitious—the occasion urgent—the people anxiously expectant, and for his own continuing capacity for usefulness and future fame, as well as on account of the sorely necesitous condition of the country, we earnestly press this recommendation.

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Senate—At noon the President's Message was read, after which the joint resolution of thanks to General Grant was ordered to lie on the table, it being alleged that such hasty proceedings would afford a bad precedent.

Mr. Julian gave notice of a bill to repeal the Fugitive Slave act, so as to prevent the return of fugitives.

The President's Message was then received, and the Message and accompanying documents referred to the Committee on the Whole on the state of the Union.

NEW YORK, December 10.—The *Tribune's* special telegram from Washington says the following is the resolution which Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, gave notice of on Monday:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, two thirds of both houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the different Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XIII., Section 1. Slavery, being incompatible with a free government, is forever prohibited in the United States, and involuntary servitude shall be permitted only as a punishment for crime.

Section 2. Congress shall have full power to enforce the foregoing section of this article by appropriate legislation.

Texas.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—A New Orleans correspondent of the *Traveller* writes that the expedition of Gen. Banks to Texas is a glorious success. The Union men are rallying under the standard of Gen. Banks in large numbers. All the Texans required was a force to back them up. Gen. Banks has recruited two regiments in that State since he landed, and the work is still going on.

Havana.

The *Tribune* has private advices from Havana, which state that the secessionists there have given over the rebel cause as hopeless. One who had nearly $500,000 of Confederate funds in his hands, has realized on it and fled to parts unknown. It is understood there that a break-up of the concern is near at hand.

New Zealand.

Thirty-five miners have been drowned in New Zealand by a land-slip carying their tents into the stream, and 40 have been overwhelmed by a great fall of snow, which buried them.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are enabled to place before our readers an analysis of the message of the President of the United States, which was laid before Congress on the 9th Dec. instant. The message is published in full in the *Alta California* of the 10th inst., having been received from Washington by telegraph in the short space of five hours and a half.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Another year of health and sufficiently abundant harvests has passed. For these and especially for the improved condition of our national affairs, our renewed and profound gratitude to God is due. We remain in peace and friendship with foreign powers. The efforts of disloyal citizens of the United States to involve us in Foreign wars to aid an inexcusable insurrection, have been unavailing. Her Britannic Majesty's Government, as was justly expected, however, exercised their authority to prevent the departure of new hostile expeditions from British ports. The Emperor of France, has, by a like proceeding, promptly indicated the neutrality which he proclaimed at the beginning of the contest. Questions of great intricacy and importance have arisen out of the blockade, and other belligerent operations between this Government and several of the maritime powers, but they have been discussed, and so far as was possible, accommodated, in a spirit of frankness justice and mutual good will. It is especially gratifying that our Prize Courts, by the impartiality of their adjudications, have commanded the respect and confidence of the maritime powers. The supplemental treaty between the United States and Great Britain, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, made on the 17th day of February last, has been duly ratified and carried into execution.

It is believed that, so far as American ports and American citizens are concerned, that inhuman and barbarous traffic has been brought to an end,

ENGLISH CLAIMS IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

I shall submit for the consideration of the Senate the Convention for the adjustment of possessory claims in Washington Territory, arising out of the treaty of the 15th of June, 1840, between the United States and Great Britain, and which has been the source of some disquiet among the citizens of that now rapidly improving part of the country.

THE SPANISH QUESTION.

Involving the extent of the jurisdiction of Spain in the waters which surround the Island of Cuba, has been debated without reaching an agreement, and it is proposed to refer it to the arbitrament of a friendly power.

The *Scheldt Dues* have been arranged upon the principle heretofore adopted in regard to like matters in the waters of Denmark.

THE CHILEAN QUESTION.

Has been settled by the award of His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Peruvian claims are under consideration before a convention sitting at Lima.

The paragraph relating to

RIGHTS OF FOREIGNERS

Is of so much interest that we extract it in full:

Incidents occurring during the progress of our civil war, have forced upon my attention the uncertain state of the international question touching the rights of foreigners in this country, and of United States citizens abroad. In regard to some governments these rights are at least partially defined by treaties, but in no instance, however, is it expressly stipulated that on the occurrence of civil war a foreigner, residing in this country, within the lines of the insurgents, is to be exempted from the rule which classes him a belligerent, in whose behalf the government of his country can expect any privileges or immunities distinct from that character. I regret to say, however, that such claims have been put forward, and in some instances in behalf of foreigners who have lived in the United States the greater part of their lives. There is reason to believe that many persons, born in foreign countries, who have declared their intention to become citizens or who have been fully naturalized, have evaded the military duty required of them by denying the fact and thereby throwing upon Government the burden of proof. It has been found difficult or impracticable to obtain this proof from the want of guides to the proper sources of information. These might be supplied by requiring the Clerks of Courts, where declarations of intentions may be made or naturalization effected, to send, periodically, lists of the names of persons naturalized or declaring their intention to become citizens, to the Secretary of the Interior, in whose department these names must be arranged and printed for general information. There is also reason to believe that foreigners frequently become citizens of the United States for the sole purpose of evading the duties imposed by the laws of their native country, to which, after becoming naturalized, they at once repair, and though never returning to the United States, they still claim the interposition of their Government, as citizens. Many altercations and great prejudices have heretofore grown out of this abuse. It is therefore submitted to your serious consideration if it might be advisable to fix a limit beyond which no citizen of the United States, residing abroad, may claim the interposition of his government. The right of suffrage has often been assumed and exercised by aliens under pretence of naturalization which they have disavowed when drafted into the military service. I submit the expediency of such amendment of the laws as will make the fact of voting an estoppel against any plea of exemption from military service or other civil obligations, on the ground of alienage.

OUR JAPANESE RELATIONS.

In common with other Western Powers our relations with Japan have been brought into serious jeopardy through the perverse opposition of the hereditary aristocracy of that empire to the enlightened and liberal policy of the Tycoon, designed to bring the country into the society of nations. It is to be hoped, although not with entire confidence, that these difficulties may be peaceably overcome.

THE RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Emperor of Russia, which it is believed will result in effecting a continuous line of telegraph through that Empire from our Pacific coast.

OTHER TELEGRAPHS.

I recommend to your favorable consideration the subject of an international telegraph across the Atlantic Ocean; and also of a telegraph between this capital and the national forts along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico.

THE CONSULAR SYSTEM.

Is expressed to be almost self-sustaining, and a due mead of praise is awarded to the consuls abroad for their constant defence of American interests both commercial and private.

THE CONDITION OF THE TERRITORIES.

Is pronounced generally satisfactory. Allusion is made to the great wealth of Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, and Arizona.

IMMIGRATION.

The question of affording assistance to immigrants is pressed upon Congress, and attention is drawn to the great deficiency of labourers in the fields of industry, and especially as regards agriculture and mines.

INJURIES TO ALIENS.

Injuries unforseen by the Government and unintentionally may in some cases have been inflicted upon the subjects or citizens of foreign countries, both at sea and on land, and by persons in the service of the United States. This Government expects redress from other powers when similar injuries are inflicted by persons in their service on citizens of the United States. So we must be prepared to do justice to foreigners. If the existing judicial tribunals are inadequate for the purpose, a special Court may be authorized, with power to hear and decide such claims of the character referred to as may have arisen under treaties. Public law conventions for adjusting claims by joint commission, have been proposed to several governments, but no definite answer to the proposition has yet been received from any. During the course of the session, in all probability I will have occasion to request you to provide indemnifications to claimants where decrees of restitution have been rendered and damages awarded by the Admiralty Courts, and in other cases where the Government may be acknowledged to be liable in principle, and where the amount of that liability has been ascertained by an informal arbitration.

A TAX UPON INCOMES OF FOREIGN CONSULS

Having been levied, Congress is recommended to modify the Act so as to exempt from taxation the incomes of such Consuls, as are not citizens of the United States, in accordance with the custom in other countries.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The Treasury is pronounced to be in a satisfactory condition, taking into consideration the immense demands which the war has brought upon it, the national banking law is said to have proved a valuable support to public credit, and it is confidently expected that at the close of the year, both disbursements and debts will be found very considerably less than has been anticipated.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

This report is referred to as a document of great interest. It consists of, first, the military operations of the year, detailed in the report of the General-in-Chief; second, the organization of colored persons in the war service; third, the exchange of prisoners; fourth, the operations under the act for enrolling and calling out the national forces detailed in the report of the Provost Marshal General; fifth, the organization of the Invalid Corps; and sixth, the operations of the several Departments of the Quartermaster General, the Commissary General, Paymaster General, Chief of Engineers, Chief of Ordnance, and Surgeon-General.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Are commented upon at considerable length, and the nation is congratulated upon the strength and efficiency of the navy. The ironclads and steam rams come in for their due mead of praise, and Congress are invited specially to foster steam for the naval service.

POSTAL REVENUE.

The financial department of the Postoffice is stated to be in a condition of increasing prosperity. The receipts in the past year have nearly equalled the entire expenditure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Notice is drawn to the increase of sales of public lands. Some modification of the laws respecting the settlement of lands is recommended in favor of those engaged in the military and naval service of the United States.

Measures for the removal of certain Indian tribes have been carried into effect, and the urgent needs of speedy legislation for remedying the present Indian system is impressed upon Congress.

REVENUE FROM MINERAL LANDS.

Attention is invited to the views of the Secretary of war as to the propriety of raising by appropriation or legislation, a revenue from the mineral lands of the United States.

THE MISSISSIPPI CANAL.

Is mentioned as a subject whose individual interest will ere long force its way, and in conjunction with the Pacific Railroad is recommended to the favorable notice of Congress.

THE EMANCIPATION POLICY.

Is warmly supported, and in connection with the employment of black soldiers is said to have given to the future a new aspect, about which hope and fear and doubt contended in uncertain conflict.

No servile insurrection or tendency to violation or cruelty has marked the measures of emancipation and arming the blacks. These measures have been much discussed in foreign countries, and, cotemporary with such discussion, the tone of public sentiment there is much improved. At home the same measures have been fully discussed, supported, criticised and denounced, and the annual elections following are highly encouraging to those whose special duty it is to bear the country through this great trial.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

May be summed up as follows:

We have the reckoning that the crisis which threatened to divide the bonds of the Union is past. Looking now to the present and future, and with reference to a resumption of the national authority within the States wherein that authority has been suspended, I have thought it fit to issue a proclamation. It will appear, as is believed, amply justified by the Constitution—a man is only promised pardon in case he voluntarily takes the oath. The Constitution authorizes the Executive to grant it on such terms as are fully established by the judicial and other authorities. It is also proffered, that if many of the States named assent, a government shall be set up in the mode prescribed. Such government shall be recognized and guaranteed by us, and subject to it the States shall, under the Constitution, be protected against invasion and domestic violence — while I remain in my present position I shall not attempt to retract or modify the Emancipation Proclamation; nor shall I return to slavery any person who is free by the terms of the proclamation, or by any act of Congress. For these and other reasons, it is thought best that the support of these persons shall be included in the oath, and it is believed that the Executive may lawfully claim it in return for pardon and restoration of forfeited rights, which he has clear constitutional power to withhold altogether, or grant upon terms which he shall deem wisest for the public interest.

The Proclamation is referred to in general terms, and the Message concludes as follows:

The movements on the part of States for emancipation that several have made were not included in the Emancipation Proclamation, and are matters of profound gratification; and while I do not repeat in detail what I have heretofore so earnestly urged upon this subject, my general views and feelings remain unchanged, and I trust that Congress will omit no fair opportunity of aiding these important steps to the great consummation.

In the midst of other cares, however important, we must not lose sight of the fact that the war power is still our main reliance. To that power alone can we look yet for a time to give confidence to the people in the contested regions that the insurgent power will not overrun them. Until that confidence shall be established, little can be done for what is called reconstruction; hence our chief care must still be directed to our army and navy, who have thus borne their harder part so nobly and well; and it may be esteemed fortunate that in giving the greatest efficiency to their indispensable arms we also honorably encourage the gallant men—from commander to sentinel—who compose them, and to whom, more than to all others, the world stands indebted for the disenthralled, regenerated, enlarged and perpetuated home of freedom.

[Signed.] ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
Washington, Dec. 8th, 1863.

Napoleon's Speech at the Opening of the French Chambers.

[From the S. F. *Bulletin*]

THE POLISH QUESTION—DILEMMA OF A SHAMEFUL SILENCE OR WAR—NECESSITY OF A GENERAL EUROPEAN CONGRESS.

One of the most remarkable speeches of the age was that delivered by the Emperor Napoleon at the opening of the French Chambers, at Paris, on 5th November last. The Paris and London journals unite in declaring its vital importance.

His Imperial Majesty congratulates the senators and deputies on the happy circumstances under which they are assembled, and alludes to the rapid and material progress made by France during the past year, instancing the advantages derived from the Commercial Treaty with England, the great increase in the marine—136,000 tons—the abundant harvest, &c. He then takes up the leading questions which now agitate the world in the following manner:

Such, gentlemen, is a summary of what we have already accomplished, and of what we intend still to achieve. Certainly the prosperity of our country would take a more rapid course if political preoccupations did not trouble it, but in the life of nations events unforseen and inevitable arise which must be met without fear and supported without faltering. Of this number are the war in America, the compulsory occupation of Mexico and Cochin China, the insurrection in Poland. The distant expeditions, the objects of so much criticism, are not the result of a premeditated plan; the force of events has brought them about, and nevertheless they are not to be regretted. How, in fact, could we develop our foreign commerce, if, on the one side, we were to renounce all influence in America, and if on the other, in presence of immense territories, occupied by the Spanish and Dutch, France alone remained without possessions in the Asiatic seas? We have conquered in Cochin China a position which, without subjecting us to the difficulties of local Government, will permit us to make use of the immense resources of these countries and to civilize them by commerce. In Mexico, after an unexpected resistance which the courage of our soldiers and sailors has surmounted we have seen the population welcome us as liberators. Our efforts will not be in vain and we will be largely recompensed for our sacrifices, when the destinies of that country, which will owe to us its regeneration, shall have been confided to a prince whose enlightenment and qualifications render him worthy of so noble a mission. Let us then have faith in our enterprises beyond the sea. Commenced to avenge our honor, they will terminate in the triumph of our interests; and if prejudiced minds do not divine the fruitfulness enclosed in the germs deposited for the future, let us not tarnish the glory thus acquired, so to speak, at the two extremities of the globe—at Pekin and at Mexico. The Polish question exacts more of explanation. When the insurrection broke out in Poland the Governments of Russia and France were on the best relations. Since the peace the great European questions had found them in accord, and I do not hesitate to declare it. During the Italian war, as well as at the time of the annexation of the provinces of Neil and Savoy, the Emperor lent me the most sincere and cordial support. That good understanding demanded scrupulous care, and I must have believed the Polish cause very popular in France, not to hesitate to compromise one of the first alliances of the continent, and to raise my voice in favor of a nation rebellious in the eyes of Russia, but in our eyes the heir of a right inscribed in history and in treaties. Nevertheless the question touched the gravest European interests. It could not be treated in isolation by France. An offence to our honor or a menace against our frontiers, would alone impose on us the duty of acting without preliminary concert. It became, therefore necessary, as at the epoch of the events in the East and in Syria, to come to an understanding with the powers which had reasons and rights on which to pronounce similar to our own. The Polish insurrection, on which its endurance imprinted a national character, awakened sympathies everywhere, and the object of diplomacy was to attract to that cause the greatest possible number of adhesions in order to bring to bear on Russia the whole weight of the public opinion of Europe. This almost unanimous concurrence of wishes seemed to us the most proper means of inducing a conviction in the Cabinet of St. Petersburg. Unhappily our disinterested councils have been interpreted as an intimidation, and the steps of England, Austria, and France, in place of checking the struggle, have done nothing but embitter it. On both sides are committed excesses which, in the name of humanity, we must equally deplore. What then remains to be done?

Are we reduced to the sole alternative of war or of silence? No. Without rushing to arms, and without remaining silent, a means is left to us. That is, to submit the Polish cause to a European tribunal. Russia has already declared that a conference in which all the other questions now agitating Europe should be debated, would in no wise wound her dignity. Let us note and act upon that declaration. Let it serve us to extinguish once for all the fermentations of discord which are ready to burst out on all sides, and out of the very disquiet of Europe, agitated everywhere by the elements of dissolution, let a new era of order and of peace be born. Has not the moment come for reconstructing on new bases the edifice shaken by time and destroyed piecemeal by revolutions? Is it not urgent to recognize by new conventions that which is irrevocably accomplished, and to accomplish by a common agreement that which the peace of the world demands. The treaties of 1815 have ceased to exist. The force of events has overthrown them. Almost everywhere they have been violated—in Greece, in Belgium, in France in Italy—as upon the Danube. Germany is endeavoring to change them. England has generously modified them by the cession of the Ionian Islands, and Russia tramples them under foot in Warsaw. In the midst of these successive violations of the fundamental European pact ardent passions have been excited, and in the South, as in the North, powerful interests demand a solution. What then more legitimate and more sensible than to invite the powers of Europe to a Congress, in which self interests (*amours propres*) and resistance will disappear before a supreme arbitration. What more conformable to the ideas of the epoch, to the will of the greater number, than to speak to the consciences and reason of the statesmen of every country, and to say to them "Have not the prejudices and rancours which divide us lasted long enough? shall the jealous rivalries of the great Powers, unceasingly impede the progress of civilization? Are we still to maintain mutual distrust by exaggerated armaments? Must our most precious resources be indefinitely exhausted in a vain display of our forces? Must we eternally maintain a condition of things which is neither peace with its security nor war with its happy chances? Let us no longer lend a factitious importance to the subversive spirits of extreme parties, by opposing ourselves on narrow calculations to the legitimate aspirations of peoples. Let us have the courage to substitute for a sickly and precarious condition of things a situation solid and regular, even should it cost us some sacrifices. Let us assemble without preconceived system, without exclusive ambition, animated alone by the thought of establishing an order of things founded for the future on the well-understood interests of sovereigns and peoples. This appeal, I am happy to believe, will be listened to by all. A refusal would suggest the existence of secret projects which shunned the light. But even should the project be not unanimously agreed to, it would produce the immense advantage of having pointed out to Europe where the danger lies and where the safety. Two roads are open; the one conducts to progress by conciliation and peace; the other sooner or later leads fatally to war, from obstinacy in maintaining a path which is sinking beneath the feet.

You know now, gentlemen, the language which I propose to hold towards Europe. Approved by you, sanctioned by the public consent, it cannot fail to be listened to, since I speak in the name of France.

CANADA.

Dates to November 11th.

The latest accounts from the Oil Springs are the reverse of encouraging. Several of the best remaining wells have recently given out. The boring of the Sanborn test well, after having been continued down to 600 feet, has been stopped for the present, at least, in consequence of the "indications" sought for not having been found.

There is to be a grand Volunteer Rifle Review at Cayuga, Grand River, county of Haldimand, C. W., on Monday and Tuesday, the 9th and 10th inst.

Mr. Henry Eccles, the eminent Barrister, of Toronto, died on Monday morning last, the 2d inst., of a protracted attack of constipation.

The Huntington, (C. E.) *Gleaner* says:—"We have heard of a distressing accident to a Mr. Wm. Sloan, a farmer of the eighth concession, of the township of Hinchinbrooke. On Sabbath morning he was found within a few hundred yards of his own house, lying, in an insensible state, with his skull fractured at the right temple, apparently from a kick of his horse. He had been lying, thus exposed to the rain and frost, for two days and three nights. No hope was entertained of his recovery, and we have heard he has since died. He was about 60 years of age.

A man named Dunn was accidentally killed one night last week about 10 o'clock, while crossing the track of the Great Western Railway, near the Ontario Pork Factory, Hamilton, where he was employed. An inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death rendered by the jury.

Last week a man named James Alcock, under sentence of imprisonment for three years in the Penitentiary for a murderous assault, committed suicide by hanging himself in his own cell in the gaol at London, C. W.

Snow fell at Ottawa for the first time this season, on Friday the 2d of October.

The bank of Upper Canada has decided on the erection of an elegant and commodious new building in Ottawa for its business there.

On Thursday, the 29th of October, a sword was presented to Colonel George K. Chisholm, of Oakville, of the first Battalion of Volunteers, County of Halton. A numerous company assembled in the Oakville Town Hall on the occasion. The presentation was made by Captain Balmer, and suitably acknowledged by the gallant recipient. The affair was wound up in the evening by a dinner, with toasts, songs and speeches.

On Thursday, the 20th ult, the Round House, or Driving Shed, as it is sometimes called, (for the reception of locomotives under repair,) at the Great Western Railway Depot, Hamilton, was totally destroyed by fire. At the time there were nine locomotives in the shop, and it was feared that their destruction was inevitable, but by great exertion, and even danger, they were removed, having sustained only slight damage of a superficial character. Both the city firemen, and those connected with the Railway, were promptly on the spot, and by doing their best succeeded in saving the locomotives and confining the fire to the building in which it originated. The loss is stated at $15,000.

The man Greenwood, who murdered a woman named Walsh on Sayer street, and afterwards tried to burn down the house containing the body, was tried in Toronto on October 31st and acquitted.

The 11th November was observed in Canada as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, by proclamation of the Governor General.

The Quebec *Daily News* says: We are gratified to learn that the friends and admirers of the Hon. T. D. McGee, are about to mark their appreciation of that gentleman's talent and consistency, by erecting for him a suitable mansion and appurtenances at Montreal.

The Intercolonial Railway scheme appears to have fallen through, the Lower Province Governments having withdrawn from the survey of the proposed route.

The Montreal *Commercial Advertiser* says: We understand that work is progressing rapidly on the Parliamentary buildings at Ottawa; there being upwards of 800 men employed upon them now.

CHOICE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—Mr. E. Marks has just received by the Oregon, and now on exhibition, a beautiful and choice selection of the best Watches, Jewelry, Diamonds and Fancy Ornaments of every description ever imported into this city, which he is offering for sale at greatly reduced prices. A visit to his establishment will well repay all who contemplate presenting handsome gifts to their relatives or friends during the ensuing festive season. *

☞ The mail steamer Oregon will leave Esquimalt this morning at about 9 o'clock for Portland and San Francisco, taking a large number of passengers and $76,051 in treasure.

CARIBOO EXPRESS.—Dietz & Nelson's Express, connecting with Barnard's Cariboo Express, will close this evening, at 6 o'clock.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer Enterprise arrived last evening from New Westminster with about 60 passengers and a small amount of treasure.

We have no later intelligence from Cariboo:

PORT DOUGLAS FLOODED.

From Mr. Deitz, who returned from Douglas yesterday, we regret to learn that Saw Mill Creek, which takes its rise in the mountains and empties into Douglas Bay, became so swollen from the melting of snow and a continuous six days' rain as to break over its banks and flood the town. The escaped water formed a regular torrent down the main street, undermining buildings, two or three of which had fallen. The merchants were busily engaged in moving their goods beyond the reach of the flood, which, it was hoped, had spent its fury when our informant left. We have not heard of damage from the freshet in any other quarter.

A BED-ROCK DRAIN FOR WILLIAMS CREEK.

We learn that His Excellency the Governor has just given his sanction for the formation of a Joint Stock Company composed of interested claim owners, for the purpose of constructing a bed rock drain on Williams Creek, leading from the Raby claim to the Cañon. This drain will, we understand, prove a very great desideratum to the claims through which it passes, as it will draw off surplus water, thereby enabling hundreds to work who are now unable to do so.—*British Columbian.*

THEATRE.—Notwithstanding the presence of the mail steamer in port, a very fair audience turned out last night to witness the third presentation of the military drama of the "Relief of Lucknow," and also to take the very last look at the popular favorite, Julia Dean Hayne, who positively leaves this a. m. on the Oregon. As Jessie Brown, the fair Julia was as charming as ever, as was well evinced by the tumultuous applause so frequently lavished on her, and which culminated, when she was called before the curtain, in tremendous cheering, to which she gracefully responded. Of Mr. J. H. Taylor we have but to reiterate the most unqualified praise; he looks and acts the martial clansman right nobly. The other chief characters, Miss Douglas, and Messrs. Townsend and Harry Taylor, filled their special parts very creditably, the two latter particularly. We would suggest to the young gentleman who does Geordie Macgregor, to endeavor to throw a little more life into his impersonation of the character. It is rather too great a stretch for the imagination of the audience, to picture to themselves the "canty braw young Heilandman," in the lackadaisical look and accent with which Mr. H. sees fit to invest him. Before drawing our notice to a close, we would commend the "supes" (although it is hardly *en regle* to bring in the *supe* at the end of the bill of fare) for the *sup*-erior manner in which they perform their duties. On being called before the curtain, Mr. Phelps announced for this evening, Charles Selby's great romantic drama of the "Marble Heart," with Miss Virginia Howard, who has just arrived from San Francisco, as Marco, and Mr. J. H. Taylor as Raphael.

Cape of Good Hope.

We have files of South African papers to Sept. 15th, from which we extract the following:

THE U. S. S. VANDERBILT IN SIMON'S BAY.

The renowned paddle wheel steamer Vanderbilt—the munificent gift of a citizen of the United States to his Government during the present war, and whose movements in pursuit of the Confederate cruisers have attracted such attention throughout the world—came to an anchor in Simon's Bay on Thursday (Sept. 5) She will remain there for five or six days, but does not intend to come to Table Bay; and visitors who are curious to see her will require to visit that port. She is now being supplied with coals by the United States Consul.

At St. Helena the Vanderbilt obtained information that the Confederates were in the direction of the Cape of Good Hope, and immediately started on the 20th of August for this coast. Although she cruised along the passage, she saw no vessels until she got here, and found that the Alabama was gone, and that the Georgia had left about sixteen hours before her arrival in False Bay. The Vanderbilt immediately went out again and cruised off the Cape from Sunday last until Thursday, and although she spoke a fleet of vessels homeward bound, she could not gather anything of the whereabouts of the game she was in search of. She then returned into Simon's Bay to coal and repair machinery, which during her long cruise of over thirty thousand miles had never ceased working.—*Cape Town Adv.*

The Confederate cruisers appear now to have taken their departure from the coast, as we have heard nothing of them lately. The Georgia was the last of the Confederate vessels that arrived in Simon's Bay. She reports having made the following captures: Director, ship, from New York, 25th April; George Griswold, ship, from New York, 8th June; Good Hope, bark, from Boston, 13th June; Constitution, from New York 25th June; City of Bath, ship, from Bath. 28th June, Prince of Wales from Bath 16th July. The Georgia left Simon's Bay about a fortnight since, but her destination was unknown. The day after her departure, the Federal steamer Vanberbilt, which is out in search of the Confederate steamers, put into Simon's Bay; on learning the departure of the Georgia she left immediately, but was unable to discover her, and has since returned to Simon's Bay.—*Pt. Elizabeth Telegraph.*

Commander Baldwin, of the United States frigate Vanderbilt, does not intend to claim salvage for assisting the Dutch ship Johanna Elizabeth into Table Bay when in a disabled state.—*Ib.*

THE "AQUILA" CREDITORS GETTING IMPATIENT FOR THEIR MONEY.—We learn that a telegram has been received from New York stating that the Board of Underwriters had declined the bid of the company organized here for the purpose of saving the monitor Comanche, as parties in New York offered to do it for a much less sum. We further learn that the agents of the Navy Department were in conference with the Board of Underwriters, a portion of the latter contending that under the circumstances of the wreck they are not holders for the insurance. Altogether the subject seems to be in a perfect muddle as to the rights of parties in the wreck, and as to what plan or mode of procedure (if any) shall be taken to raise her. Meanwhile creditors are getting impatient for knowledge as to who will pay them for services on the wreck during the late effort at pumping her out, and may in their own way settle the question as to ownership, by attaching the wreck and materials, and having it sold to satisfy their claims.

THE MAN WHO CHEERED FOR JEFF DAVIS. Richard H Diggs, the man who cheered for Jeff Davis some months ago, pleaded guilty to the charge in the Court of Sessions, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $100 or undergo imprisonment in the city prison.—*S F. Paper.*

☞ On Christmas Eve, Mr. Heywood, at the Yorkshire Market, will have a grand display of fat Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Fowls, Roasting Pigs, and other good things for a Christmas Dinner too numerous to mention. *

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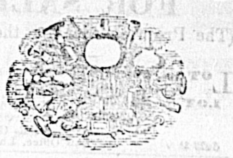

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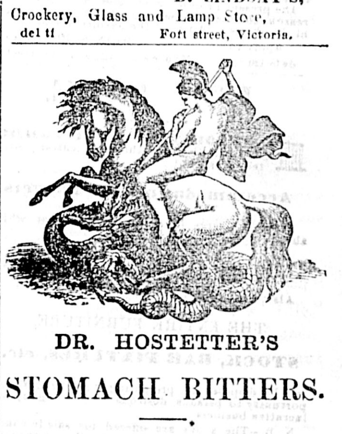

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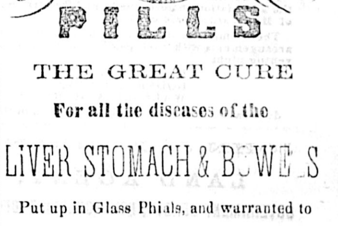

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FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF A TAX ON REAL ESTATE.

WE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILlors, in Council convened by virtue of the power and authority vested in us, by an Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Victoria," passed the second day of August, A. D. 1862, in the twenty-sixth year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria; and whereas it is expedient for the good Government of the City to enact as follows:—

1st. There shall be raised, levied and collected upon all Real Estate within the limits of the City of Victoria, Vancouver Island, from and after the final passage of this By-Law, a Tax of One Half of One per Cent. per annum on the market value thereof for the current year, and to be paid for the use of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria.

2nd. Provided always that the Real Estate Tax now due under this By-Law shall be for the year terminating on the 31st day of December, 1863; and the amount of Real Estate Tax to be levied under this By-Law for 1864 shall be at the rate of 3-8ths of one per centum, and payable on or before the 1st day of October, 1864.

3rd. Provided always, that the Assessments on Real Estate upon which the said Tax shall be levied and collected shall be on the same valuation as assessed under the provisions of the Real Estate Tax Amendment Act, 1862

4th. A certified copy of the Government Assessment Roll shall be deposited at the City Council Chambers, with the Clerk of the Council; and in the said Roll, in a separate column, and opposite to the name and amount of the Government Assessment shall be inserted the amount of the Municipal Tax.

5th. All monies due under the provisions of this By Law shall be paid at the City Council Chambers to the Clerk of the Council.

6th. If the amount assessed in respect of any real estate, be not paid at the City Council Chambers, to the Clerk of the Council, within seven days after the final passage of this By-Law, the person in default shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum due for the said assessment, and an amount equivalent to five per centum upon such amount.

Town Clerk's Office, City Council Chambers,
December 19th, 1863. } de23

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PENCILS
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Among their recent importation, the following are especially worthy of attention:

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PROFESSOR OF MUSIC,

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS Removed to Rae street, next house to the Ladies' College, opposite Christ Church.
Where he continues to give Lessons on the
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Victoria, Nov. 4th, 1863. de5 1m

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PERSONS DESIROUS OF OBTAINing work of any description, can leave their names and address with
de12 1m — J. G. VINTER.

To Landholders in Cowichan.

WE, THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS of Cowichan District, hereby give notice that if the dues for non performance of Statute Labor are not paid up on or before 1st January, 1864, we will be obliged to collect the same according to law.

G'O. McG. OTTY,
GEO. MOFFAT,
WILLIAM MANLY,
JOS. DRINKWATER,
JOHN EVANS,
no13 td — Road Commissioners.

A. CARD.

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Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul,
Henry Rhodes, Esq., H. B. M. Consul,
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VISITOR—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.
PRINCIPAL—The Rev Charles T. Woods, M. A., T. C. D. and Oxon.
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ASSISTANT MASTER—Robert Williams, M. A., Cantab. (Wrangler and Member of the Senate of the University of Cambridge.)
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The Collegiate School is conducted on the principles of the old established English Grammar Schools, a Religious Education being the recognized basis of all instruction.

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Under 12 years of age..... $5 per month
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No Extras. Fees payable in advance.
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WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENtion to selling, purchasing, and leasing property, to negotiating loans, and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.

Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing Homesteads or making investments, will find on my Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street, Farming or Gardening Land in every District, some of which afford a rare chance for investment.

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Oak and Pine Wood cut to order all required lengths.

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A ROBBERY OF NOTES OF the Bank of British North America has been committed on my premises, the numbers of which are known to me and for the recovery whereof a Reward has been offered, I therefore warn all persons from taking any such Notes, as I shall take legal proceedings for the protection of my rights.
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Blanks of all kinds Printed and Ruled to any desired Pattern.
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FOR DISEASES OF THE

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THIS MEDICINE INCREASES THE POWER of Digestion, and excites the ABSORBENTS into healthy action, by which the WATERY OR CALCAREOUS depositions, and all UNNATURAL ENLARGEMENTS are reduced, as well as PAIN AND INFLAMMATION, and is good for

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Arising from Excesses, Habits of Dissipation, Early Indiscretion or Abuses, attended with the following Symptoms:

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These symptoms, if allowed to go on, which this Medicine invariably removes, are followed by

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In one of which the patient may expire.

Who can say that they are not frequently followed by those "DREFUL DISEASES,"

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Many are aware of the cause of their suffering, but none will confess.

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Bear ample witness of the truth of the assertion. The CONSTITUTION ONCE AFFECTED WITH ORGANIC WEAKNESS requires the aid of medicine to strengthen the system, which

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Invariably does. A trial will convince the most skeptical.

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Use Helmbold's Extract Buchu

For all affections and diseases of the URINARY ORGANS, whether existing in MALE or FEMALE, from whatever cause originating, and no matter of how LONG STANDING. Diseases of these organs require the aid of a DIURETIC.

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In their last stages; little or no change in diet; at little expense; no inconvenience, and no exposure. It causes a frequent desire and gives strength to urinate thereby removing obstructions preventing and curing Strictures of the Urethra, allaying pain and inflammation, so frequent in the class of diseases, and expelling all poisons, diseased and worn out matter. Thousands upon thousands who have been the victims of quacks, and who have paid heavy fees to be cured in a short time, have found they were deceived, and that the "poison" has, by the use of "powerful astringents," been dried up in the system, to break out in an aggravated form and PERHAPS AFTER MARRIAGE.

CERTIFICATES FROM PHYSICIANS

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MR. HELMBOLD—DEAR SIR:—I have used your Extract Buchu in diseases of the bladder and kidneys with the most happy results, and I feel assured I never used an article of medicine that produced a more sure and certain relief for the complaints for which it is recommended
JACKSON F. STEWART, M. D.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21, 1860.

MR. HELMBOLD—DEAR SIR:—I have used your Extract Buchu in diseases of the bladder, kidneys gravel and dropsy in my practice, and have witnessed such signal results arising from its use, that I have no hesitation in adding my testimony to the recommendations already given in favor of it.
Very respectfully,
D. WEBSTER HAINES, M. D.

PITTSBURG, May 14th, 1863.

MR. HELMBOLD—DEAR SIR—Having used your medicines for some years in my practice, I can confidently recommend them to be all that you claim for them in dropsy, gravel, and diseases of the bladder and kidneys.
Truly yours, W. F. CLINTON, M. D.

BALTIMORE, April 13, 1857.

MR. HELMBOLD—DEAR SIR:—I am a physician of twenty-five years standing. I have prescribed your Extract Buchu in the various affections of the bladder and kidneys, and they have in all cases given the utmost satisfaction. I confidently recommend them to the profession as invaluable medicines, paramount to all others as a safe and speedy remedy in all cases of sickness for which it is recommended.
Very respectfully yours,
ROBT. F. GREEN, M. D.

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Practical and Analytical Chemist, and Sole Manufacturer of

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AFFIDAVIT:

Personally appeared before me an Alderman of the city of Philadelphia, H. T. Helmbold, who, being duly sworn, doth say his preparations contain no narcotic, no mercury, or other injurious drugs, but are purely vegetable.

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WM. P. HIBBERD,
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LONG HANDLED SHOVELS,	HAND and CROSS-CUT SAWS,
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NAILS, CHAMBER PAILS,	STOVES, BEDSTEADS,
LANTERNS, CANDLESTICKS,	GUNS, PISTOLS,
POCKET KNIVES, TRAYS,	QUICKSILVER,
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100 Waterproof Pilot Jackets, from $4 75 each

The above are Cheap,
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P. S.—Tweeds for Boys' Clothing, and Fine Cloth for Ladies' Cloaks and Habits. de4

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
21st December, 1863.

THE DAYS UNDERMENTIONED will be kept as Holidays, during which the Public Offices will be closed, except for the transaction of indispensable current business. From Thursday, 24th December to Saturday, 26th, and from Thursday, 31st December to Saturday, 2nd January, 1864, dates inclusive.
By Command,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG
de22

REAL ESTATE.

NANAIMO DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Court of Revision for the above District will sit on THURSDAY next, the 24th day of December instant, at the hour of eleven o'clock, a. m., at the office of W. H. Franklyn, Esq., J. P., Nanaimo.
CHAS. G. WYLLY,
Assessor, V. I.
Assessor's Office, Victoria, V. I.,
19th Dec., 1863 } de21 td

Treasury Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Real Estate Assessment Rolls for the Districts of North Saanich, South Saanich and Lake, were finally passed by the Court of Revisors, on the 17th instant, and that the Assessment is now payable into the Treasury.
By order of the Governor,
ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.
Vancouver Island Treasury,
18th Dec., 1863. } dw18

REAL ESTATE.

Victoria City Assessment Roll
1862-'63.

COPIES OF THE REVISED ROLL for the year ending 30th June, 1863, may be had on application to the Treasurer, at the Treasury, or to Messrs Hibben & Carswell, Stationers, Yates street.
CHARLES G. WYLLY,
Assessor of Vancouver Island.
Assessor's Office, Victoria, V. I., 14th Dec., 1863.
de15

Treasury Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Real Estate ASSESSMENT ROLLS for the Town of Esquimalt and the Districts of Victoria, Esquimalt, Metchosin and Sooke were finally passed by the Court of Revisors, on the 1st instant, and that the Assessment is now payable into the Treasury.
By order of the Governor,
ALEXANDER WATSON,
Treasurer.
Vancouver Island Treasury,
December 3d, 1863. } de4 td

B. C. & V. S. N. Company, Limited.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE Shareholders of this Company is hereby called, to assemble at the Company's Office on Langley street, Victoria, V. I., on THURSDAY, the Third day of DECEMBER next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the accounts and statements of the liquidator appointed to wind up the Company's business and dispose of the stock, and also for the purpose of adopting a final resolution relating to said accounts and statements, and formally winding up and dissolving the Company according to law.
J. WADDELL,
Liquidator,
B. C. & V. S. N. Company (Limited).
Victoria, V. I., Monday, 2d Nov 1863. no4 td
Express and Columbian please copy.

Postponed.

THE ABOVE MEETING IS ADJOURNed to SATURDAY, 26th instant; same purpose, place and hour.
J WADDELL,
Liquidator,
B. C. & V. S. N. Company, (Limited).
Dec. 3d, 1863. de5 td

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de11 1m

Title Deeds Stolen.

WHEREAS THE TITLE DEEDS belonging to the undermentioned Town Lots have been stolen or removed from the custody of Mene Prosper, the owner thereof. All persons are hereby cautioned against receiving, retaining or in any way dealing with the said deeds, or with the lands and hereditaments hereinafter named to which they relate. Victoria Town Lots, Nos. 852, 905, 910, 961, 795 and 797 included in one deed dated in or about July, 1858. Lots 942, 941, 992, 910, and one moiety of Lot 993, included in one deed dated in or about August, 1858, and Lots 1005, 970, 971, 776 and 777 included in one deed dated in or about May, 1862.

Any person restoring the deeds relating to the above Lots to the said Mene Prosper or bringing them to the office of Messrs Pearkes and Green, Solicitors, Government street, will receive $20 reward.
de5

EUGENE THOMAS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN

Wines, Brandies, Beers,

And Liquors of every Description,

Yates street, V. I.
de3 1m

LOWE BROTHERS,

Commission Merchants

VICTORIA, V. I.

Office corner Yates and Langley streets.
de3 tf

REMOVAL.

G. R. FARDON,
Having opened a
NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY,
In LANGLEY STREET, corner of Yates,
Respectfully solicits a continuance of the patronage with which he has hitherto been favored.
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